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The manuscript is a copy, probably made in Egypt in the late twelfth or early thirteenth century, of an anonymous work compiled in Egypt between AD 1020 and 1050. The rhyming title of the volume, Kitāb Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn, loosely translates as The Book of Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels for the Eyes. For convenience, the treatise is referred to simply as The Book of Curiosities.

The treatise preserved in this early, highly illustrated, manuscript was essentially unknown to scholars prior to its being offered for sale at auction in London on 10 October 2000 (Christie’s, Islamic Art & Manuscripts, lot 41), even though later it was discovered that eight other copies of all or portions of the text (lacking most of the illustrations) were preserved in manuscripts of the sixteenth to nineteenth century that had lain unnoticed in other libraries. At auction the manuscript was purchased by Sam Fogg, a well-known London dealer in rare books and manuscripts. Not long thereafter he offered it to the Bodleian Library at a price well under the true market value. In June of 2002, following an extensive fund-raising effort, the Bodleian library celebrated the acquisition of this remarkable Arabic manuscript.

The treatise now designated as Bodleian Library MS Arab. c. 90 is divided into two parts (maqālahs): The first part or book, on celestial matters, is composed of ten chapters, and begins with a description of the heavens and their influence upon events on Earth. It contains a number of unique illustrations and rare texts, including an illustrated discourse on comets and several pages depicting various prominent stars nearby the ‘lunar mansions’, which are star-groups near the ecliptic whose risings and settings were traditionally used to predict rain and other meteorological events. The author’s interest throughout the book is primarily astrological and divinatory, and no mathematical astronomy is presented.

The second book, on the Earth, is divided into twenty-five chapters. According to the author, this second book is largely dependent upon the Geography of Ptolemy. In general, however, our author’s interest is descriptive and historical rather than mathematical. Along with geographical and historical texts, the manuscript contains two world maps, one rectangular and one circular. The author then follows with maps of the great seas known to him, which were the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean and the Caspian. The author was particularly interested in depicting the shores of the Mediterranean, of which he probably had first-hand knowledge. Besides the detailed schematic map of the coasts and islands of the Mediterranean, the treatise also contains unique maps of Sicily and Cyprus as well as the strategic ports of al-Mahdiyah in North Africa and Tinnis in Egypt. The book also includes five river-maps (the Nile, the Euphrates, the Tigris, the Oxus, and the Indus). The concluding five chapters describe ‘curiosities’ such as monstrous animals and wondrous plants.

In 2007 an electronic high-quality reproduction of the Bodleian manuscript and its illustrations, linked by mouse-overs to a modern Arabic edition (without full use of other copies) and a preliminary English translation was made available at www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/bookofcuriosities. The remarkable significance of the treatise for the history of Islamic cartography and cosmology in particular, and for the history of pre-modern cartography in general, has been recognized in several publications on specific maps and diagrams in the manuscript.1 The study of

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1 See, amongst others, Johns & Savage-Smith 2003; Rapoport & Savage-Smith 2004; Edson & Savage-Smith 2004; Parry 2004; Barber 2005; Horden & Purcell 2006; Galician 2007; Bloom 2007; Rapoport & Savage-Smith 2008; Kahlaoui 2008; Kahlaoui 2008a;
some aspects of this treatise is still on-going, especially with regard to its contribution to the history of astrology and astronomy; its place in the geographical and mirabilia traditions; and its impact on our knowledge of the Fatimid caliphate and of maritime travel in the medieval Islamic world.

Our purpose here is to present a full edition of the treatise, taking into account all the later manuscript copies. In addition, we provide here an English annotated translation and a facsimile reproduction of the entire manuscript. The aim is to allow readers to examine the treatise as a whole in a way that is not possible in an online edition, and to consult an authoritative edition and translation that reflects our decade-long study of the Bodleian manuscript and other copies. We open with the facsimile of the early Bodleian copy, followed by the edition, employing all the copies, of the entire Arabic text and all the map-and diagram-labels. Following this, we present an extensively annotated translation of the text and the labels, concluding with an extended glossary of star-names and thematic indexes.

In the following pages of this Introduction, we list and compare the known copies of the treatise, establish the authorship and date of the treatise and its component parts, and explain our editorial conventions. A full, comprehensive study of the contents of the treatise in the context of eleventh-century Fatimid society and learning must await a separate publication. But we hope this edition will greatly enhance future research on the significance of this remarkable treatise for the history of cartography, science, and Islamic civilisation.

I. THE COPIES

**MS A—Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90**

*Date:* The copy is unsigned and undated. The appearance of the paper, ink, and script suggests a possible dating of the end of the twelfth century.

*Contents:* It is an incomplete copy, missing part of the penultimate chapter and all of the last one in Book Two. At the end of the volume, in the gutter, are narrow remnants of two folios that have been cut from the volume, corresponding to the missing final chapters (part of 2.24 and all of 2.25). The eighth and ninth chapters of Book Two are missing from the text, as they are in all other copies.

**Attribution and title:** The author is not given. The title appears in the text on fol. 1b11 as well as on the title page (fol. 1a) as *Kitāb Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn*. Beneath the title, a later owner has noted: ‘To the author of this treatise there belongs another book whose title is *Muḥīṭ* (Comprehensive) (...); it is stated thus in the entry for the island of Sardinia’.

**Physical description:** 48 leaves (folios 1a–48b) plus torn gutter strips from two missing leaves. Dimensions 32.4 × 24.5 cm (text area 29.1 × 22.6 cm on folios without maps); 27 lines per page.

**Paper:** The lightly glossed, biscuit-brown paper is sturdy, rather soft, and relatively opaque. The paper has thick, slightly curved, horizontal laid lines, and there are rib shadows, but no chain lines or watermarks are visible. The thickness of the paper varies between 0.17 and 0.20 mm and measures 3 on the Sharp Scale of Opaqueness; the laid lines are 6–7 wires/cm, with the space between lines less than the width of one line. The paper appears to have been made using a grass mould—a method used in Egypt and Greater Syria in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries (greater precision is not possible). The paper has some damp-staining, foxing, and wormholes, and there is considerable soiling and grime near the edges of the pages, which have been trimmed from their original size with the loss in places of text and marginalia. Numerous repairs had been made to the paper at various times. Conservation of the manuscript at the Bodleian was carried out by Alison McKay and Sabina Pugh in its conservation laboratories. Multiple layers of old repairs had accumulated on the leaves, causing particular stiffness in the spine area. Sympathetic new repairs replaced the old ones to reveal text and images, but some were left in place as they were considered to be part of the cultural history of the manuscript.

**Script:** The text area has been frame-ruled. The text is written in a medium-large Naskh script in dense black ink, with headings in warm-red ink.

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Kaplon 2008; Rapoport 2008; Savage-Smith 2009; Savage-Smith 2010; Savage-Smith 2010a; Rapoport 2011; Savage-Smith 2011a; Rapoport 2012.

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2 For similar Islamic papers, see Loveday 2001; and we thank Helen Loveday for examining and discussing with us the paper in this particular manuscript.
Many diacritical dots are missing. A sīn is often distinguished from a shin by a small háček; less frequently, a háček distinguishes the undotted (al-muhmalah) letters rāʾ or sād from the dotted forms. A háček occasionally is placed over a duc-
tus that ought to have had two dots beneath indicating a yāʾ in a medial position. A tāʾ marbūṭah is
often ligatured to a preceding rāʾ or dāl or dhāl; a final letter ʿayn is occasionally ligatured to the
first letter of the following word. A tāʾ marbūṭah is
very seldom dotted. A small break occurs before a medial or final tāʾ, where the copyist lifted the
pen when an unbroken connection with the pre-
ceding letter would have been expected. Text
stops are indicated by a dot enclosed in a circle
or by the symbol ⌦ (= intahā). There are some
catchwords. The illustrations are labelled in a
similar but smaller hand. Both hands are closer
in many of their characteristics to those of copy-
ists known to have worked in Greater Syria at
the end of the twelfth century or early thirteenth
century than to the hands of securely dated and
located products of the fourteenth century.3

Illustrations: In Book One, there is an opening dia-
gram (double-page) immediately following the
introduction, a single-page diagram at the end of
1.1, and a half-page diagram in 1.10. There are also
comet illustrations in 1.6 and 1.7 and diagrams
of lunar mansions in 1.9. In Book Two, there are
seventeen maps or diagrams in chapters 2.1, 2.5,
2.7, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 (two),
2.18 (five). The maps in Book Two use a stan-
dard set of colours to convey the topographical
features, with green for salty seas and lakes, and
blue for fresh-water lakes and rivers. The moun-
tains are usually reddish-brown, and town walls,
where depicted, are darker brown-purple. Red
dots represent cities, towns, villages, and anchor-
age points. The map of al-Mahdīyah has a mul-
ticoloured depiction of the twin palaces of the city,
and the diagram of the sources of the Nile depicts
a large crocodile. The circular world map (at the
end of 2.5) employs a slightly different palette
and is the only map in the volume to employ
copper greens.

Some illustrations, such as those depicting
comets or small islands, have traces of gold or
silver sprinklings, while other areas in the maps
may have been over-painted or coated in a shiny
lacquer-like material that is now cracked and
crazed. A preliminary analysis of the pigments
was conducted by Dr Sandra Grantham, a consul-
tant paper conservator, using optical microscopy
in the conservation workshop of the Bodleian
Library. A full analysis using Raman Spectro-
copy was subsequently carried out by Dr Tracey
Chaplin at the Christopher Ingold Laboratories,
University College London.4 Further examination
of the pigments was carried out by Sabina Pugh
in the conservation workshop of the Bodleian
Library, who used optical microscopy to try to
determine which pigments belonged to the origi-
nal paint layer, and which were over-painting or
re-touching. Six pigments were identified in the
illustrations: cinnabar (red), orpiment (yellow),
lazurite (blue), indigo, carbon-based black and
basic lead carbonate (a ‘lead white’). Four further
pigments could not be identified: a golden mate-
rial, a green pigment, the purple pigment used
to depict city walls, and the blue component of
the dark green pigment mixture on certain folios.
No evidence of modern inks or pigments was
revealed. The results of the scientific analyses are
completely consistent with the suggested origin
and age of the manuscript.

Binding: When acquired by the Bodleian Library,
the volume was contained in an Ottoman binding
of, possibly, eighteenth- or nineteenth-century
date; the binding was too small for the manu-
script and in extremely poor condition. The first
folio of the manuscript has staining that indicates
an earlier binding included an envelope flap. At
present, the volume is dis-bound with the bind-
ning removed and stored separately; it remains
dis-bound to allow for easier exhibition.

Provenance: The title page also has two impres-
sions of an undated Ottoman (?) stamp reading: Sa’dī
ibn ʿĪsā al-faqīr al-mutawakkil ʿalā Allāh al-kabīr.

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3 For example, the script and paper are similar to a treatise
by the Egyptian scholar al-Dimyāṭī preserved in a copy (Oxford,
Bodleian Library, MS Marsh 592) completed 12 Jumādá ii 592
(13 May 1196) which displays many of the same orthographic
features, including picking up the pen before writing the tāʾ
(fol. 98a2); for sample pages, see Edson & Savage-Smith 2004,
19 fig. 7, and King 2004, 758, fig. 2.7. Other similarities of script
and paper can be observed in Gotha, Forschungsbibliothek Gotha,
MS orient. A 1521, dated 569/1173; Leiden, MS Or. 3901, cop-
pied 569/1173; Bodleian, MS Huntington 202, copied in Syria in
Sha’ban 592/July 1196; and Bodleian MS Marsh 379, fols. 2a–87b,
made between 590/1165 and 610/1213 (for the latter two exam-
amples, see Savage-Smith 2011, 322–3 and plates xviii–xx).

4 The results of the Raman spectroscopic analysis have been
published in Chaplin, Clark et al. 2006.
There are also two undated owners' signatures, the upper signature reading: ‘In the book collection of the one in need of God, Muṣṭafā, known as Köprü-zade, may God forgive him’, and the lower one reading: ‘Amongst the property of Yahlīya ibn Muhammad al-Mallāh (the sailor?, the salt-miner?)’. Between the two signatures there is also one completely defaced owner's note. In Chapter Five of Book Two, there are two half-page paintings (a wāqwaq-tree and an inhabited scrolling vine) added by a later owner, probably in the fourteenth or fifteenth century.

Editions/printings: In 2007 an electronic high-quality reproduction of the manuscript and its illustrations, linked by mouse-overs to a modern Arabic translation was made available at www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/bookofcuriosities. The bibliographic citation is Emilie Savage-Smith and Yossef Rapoport (eds.), The Book of Curiosities: A critical edition. World-Wide-Web publication. (www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/bookofcuriosities) (March 2007).

Catalogue descriptions: none

MS D—Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Wataniyah, MS 16501

Date: The copy was completed on the last Sunday in the first ten days of Rabī’ I of the year 972 (= 9 Rabī’ I 972 = 15 October 1564) by Abū Bakr ibn Fakhr al-Dīn ibn Ḥamzah ibn al-Shaykh Muhammad min qaryat Mu’arrat Alkhwān (from the village of Mu’arrat Alkhwān).5 The colophon is given on fol. 210b11–15.

Contents: It is an incomplete copy. Compared to MS A, this manuscript lacks many of the illustrations, maps and diagrams, while adding textual material from other sources. Book One lacks the opening diagram (though it has the surrounding text). Also missing from Book One is the entire fourth chapter, the start of the fifth chapter, and portions of the ninth and tenth chapters. In the body of the ninth chapter of Book One, material is taken from Ibn Qutaybah’s Kitāb al-Anwār al-Wataniyāh, MS 16501 (hereafter: MS D). The first three entries of the ninth chapter as given in other copies are written here in the margins.

In Book Two, the second, seventh and eleventh chapters, which contain only maps and no text, are missing. The eighth and ninth chapters of Book Two are also missing, as in all manuscripts. In 2.15, there are nine additional entries for mythical islands, interspersed between the entries for Indian Ocean islands found in MS A. The manuscript also contains three additional long books (maqālahs): on horses (fī al-khayl) in five chapters (fāṣils), of which the final one is missing; on camels (fī niq) in nineteen fāṣils; and on hunting and game (fī sayd wa-al-qanas) in twenty-one fāṣils.

Attribution and title: The author is not given. The title is given in the text on fol. 244–5 as Gharā’īb al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn. On fol. 1a, a later hand has written Kitāb Gharā’īb al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn wa-fīhi min kull ʿilm wa-ṣinf ʿilm (wherein is every book, and every science). In Book Two, the second, seventh and eleventh chapters, which contain only maps and no text, are missing. The eighth and ninth chapters of Book Two are also missing, as in all manuscripts. In 2.15, there are nine additional entries for mythical islands, interspersed between the entries for Indian Ocean islands found in MS A. The manuscript also contains three additional long books (maqālahs): on horses (fī al-khayl) in five chapters (fāṣils), of which the final one is missing; on camels (fī niq) in nineteen fāṣils; and on hunting and game (fī sayd wa-al-qanas) in twenty-one fāṣils.

Physical description: 201 leaves (folios 1a–201b). The size of the leaves is not known, but there are 13–15 lines per page. The nature of the paper is unknown.

Script: The text is carefully written in a clear, medium-large Naskh script. The text area has been frame-ruled. There are text stops and end-of-line fillers of three dots in a triangular formation. There are catchwords, and most of the marginalia appear to be in the hand of the copyist. For the opening folio, see Gharā’īb 2011, 189. For other examples of folios from the manuscript, see figs. 0.6, 0.8 and 0.14–0.19.

Illustrations: In Book One, there is a single-page diagram at the end of 1.1; constellation figures formed of lines of dots have been added to the text of 1.3. In 1.6 and 1.7 there are illustrations of comets, and in 1.9 diagrams of lunar mansions. At the end of 2.1 there is a crude rectangular sketch (repeated twice) aligning the cardinal directions with zodiacal signs. Chapter 2.10 has two empty rectangular frames with the title of the chapter (‘The tenth chapter on the Western Sea—i.e., the Syrian Sea—and its harbours and islands and anchorages’) written at the edge, and in 2.17 there are several empty circles, suggestive of the lake diagrams in the earlier Bodleian Library MS Arab. c. 90. The city of al-Mahdiyah (2.13), the island of Cyprus (2.15), and the rivers Nile, Tigris, and Oxus are represented by crude, unlabelled sketches whose general significance is recognizable only when compared to the equivalent maps.

5 The name as written here is possibly a variant of Ma’arrat al-Nu’man (معرَّة النّهْمَانَ), a well-known town in northern Syria. Al-Mahdi Eid al-Rawadieh identifies Mu’arrat Alkhwān with the village of Martaḥwān, in the environs of Aleppo (Yaḥyā ibn Muḥammad al-Mallāh, al-ʿuyūn wa-fīhi min kull ʿilm wa-ṣinf ʿilm (wherein is every book, and every science).
in the earlier Bodleian Library MS Arab. c. 90. See figs. 0.6, 0.8, 0.11, 0.12, and 0.14–0.19 for examples.

**Binding:** unknown.

**Provenance:** The manuscript was formerly kept in Aleppo as al-Maktakah al-Waqfiyah, MS 957. On the title page (fol. 1a) there are several owners’ notes, for the most part illegible or defaced, and one prominent seven-line study note dated 980/1572–3, written by the copyist of the manuscript eight years after completing this copy. The note indicates that this manuscript was the basis for another copy prepared by the same copyist, but one that contained only the first book on the heavens. The note reads:

> نظر في هذا الكتاب: القفز الألفة (الاثنتين) من النص إلى آخر، وكب من المقالة الأولى ب빠ها وعليها، ولم يكن بسبب في إصلاحه إلى البقاء. وعند الإصلاح، وذلك في شهر شوال للمرأة، من شهر سنتين ثمانيين وسبعين.

There are also three impressions of a small octagonal owner’s stamp (not legible). On folios 1b and 20b there are impressions of a large round stamp reading: من الكتب التي وقفت . . . زاده أجر أحمد بن أحمد الجامع كبير أموي حلب.

**Editions/printings:** The text of this manuscript has been edited by al-Mahdi Eid al-Rawadih. For the purposes of our present edition, we have made use of scans of the Damascus manuscript itself and on occasion present a different reading.

**Catalogue descriptions:** none.

**MS B—Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, item 6**

**Date:** The copy was transcribed by al-faqīr Manṣūr bi-ism Shamsī (the ordained deacon) in November of AD 1571. The date is given as the month of Tishrin II 1882, using the Alexandrian (or Seleucid) calendar, which began 1 October 312 BC. The volume in which this item is bound contains nine treatises in either Arabic or Karshūnī (the Syriac script used by the Christians of Syria and Mesopotamia for writing Arabic), all of them apparently copied in Syria. See fig. 0.1 for the colophon in the manuscript.

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**Contents:** It is an incomplete copy of Book One. As in MS D, it lacks the opening diagram (though it has the surrounding text), the entire fourth, and the opening part of the fifth chapter. It also lacks the final chapters of Book One, that is, the eighth, ninth and tenth chapters. Of Book Two, it has only a partial copy of the first and third chapters. Chapter three of Book Two contains additional material on each of the climes that is not found in the other manuscripts.

**Attribution and title:** The author is not given. The title is given (in Syriac script) in the text on fol. 109b as Kitāb Gharā’ib al-funūn wa-mulah al-’uyūn; see fig. 0.2.

**Physical description:** 46 leaves (folios 109b–144a).

Dimensions 21.2 × 15.3 (text area 17.4 × c.12.2) cm; 21–24 lines per page.

**Paper:** The stiff, biscuit paper has little evidence of sizing and has turned darker near the edges of the volume. It has a thickness of 0.17–0.19 mm and an opaqueness factor of 4, with thin, straight, vertical laid lines, single chain lines, and watermarks (an anchor in a circle (?) and a star over a crescent moon). There is some foxing and damp-staining.

**Script:** There is no trace of frame-ruling and the spacing of lines is irregular. The text is written in a large Arabic and Karshūnī script using dark-brown ink with prominent words formed with a broader pen-stroke; text-breaks or headings are indicated by four small dots. There are catchwords, but no marginalia are found in this portion of the volume. There is an illuminated heading in black ink and red opaque watercolours at the opening of the text (fol. 109b); see fig. 0.2.
Fig. 0.1. The colophon of MS B, transcribed by al-faqīr Mańṣūr bi-ism Shammās (the ordained deacon) in the month of Tishrin II 1882 (November AD 1571). Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, fol. 144a.
Fig. 0.2. The opening of MS B. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, fol. 109b; copied AD 1571.
Illustrations: In Book One, there are two diagrams at the end of 1.1, one labelled in Arabic script and the other in Karshûnî. Constellation figures formed of lines of dots have been added to the text of 1.3. In 1.6 and 1.7 there are illustrations of comets, and in 1.9 diagrams of lunar mansions. They are all line-drawings or sketches in dark-brown ink. See figs. 0.7, 0.9, 0.11 and 0.12 for examples.

Binding: The volume is bound in a European library binding of tan leather with blind-tooled frames on the covers. There are modern pastedowns and endpapers.

Provenance: The volume was given to the Bodleian Library in 1611 by Paul Pindar.

Editions/printings: None.

Catalogue descriptions: Savage-Smith 2011, 352–4 (78c), 778–9 (232C), and 805; Uri 1787, 23 entry CXI, item 4; Nicoll 1835, 564 (referring to item 4 of S. cod. CXI); and Payne Smith 1864, col. 595–596 no. 179 item 6.

MS M—Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS & 76 sup., item 1

Date: The copy is unsigned and undated. The appearance of the paper, ink, and script suggests a product of the sixteenth century.

Contents: It is an incomplete copy. In Book One, as in MSS D and B, the copy is missing the opening diagram (though it has the surrounding text), all of the fourth chapter, the start of the fifth chapter, and portions of the ninth and tenth chapters. Of Book Two, only the first chapter is present. The copy forms the first part of a mixed volume consisting of five items in a total of 195 folios. For a description of the volume of which this item is a part, see Löfgren and Traini 1975, 103–4 entry CXCV.

Attribution and title: The author is not given. The title is given at the top of fol. 2a, written in large script, as min Kitāb Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn (from the book Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn).

Physical description: 66 leaves (folios 2a–67b). Dimensions 21.0 × 15.5 (text area 15.3 × 10.8 ) cm; 15 lines per page.

Paper: The nature of the paper is unknown.

Script: The text area has been frame-ruled. The text is written in a careful, medium-large Naskh script, with frequent vocalisation. Section headings are indicated by a large script and/or overlinings. There are catchwords. For the opening folio, see Gharāʾib 2011, 139, and for other sample folios see Figs. 0.5, 0.10, and 0.13.

Illustrations: In Book One, there is a single-page diagram at the end of 1.1. Constellation figures formed of lines of dots have been added to the text of 1.3. In 1.6 and 1.7 there are illustrations of comets, and in 1.9 diagrams of lunar mansions. They are all line drawings in black ink. See figs. 0.5 and 0.10–0.13 for examples.

Binding: Unknown.

Provenance: Unknown. The two preliminary leaves contain casually written notes on the Coptic alphabet, magical alphabets and recipes, and practice circles drawn with a compass.

Editions/printings: None.

Catalogue descriptions: Hammer-Purgstall 1839, no. 291; Löfgren and Traini 1975, 103–4 entry CXCV.

Additional notes: In both published catalogues, the author of this item is given as ʿAbd al-Ghanī ibn Husām al-Dīn Ahmad ibn al-ʿArabānī, citing Brockelmann as a source for the identification. More will be said below on this matter in the subsection ‘Authorship’. The second item in the volume (fols. 68–184) is an anonymous collection of unnumbered bāb on astrological topics; much of the contents appears to overlap with the collection of unnumbered chapters on astrology forming the bulk of Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS miqāt 876 (our MS C, described below). This astrological material was edited and published by al-Mahdi Eid al-Rawadieh as Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn wa-nuzhat al-ʿushshāq lil-ṭālib al-mushtāq.7

MS C—Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS miqāt 876, item 1

Date: The copy was completed on 8 Dhū al-Ḥijjah 1051 (= 10 March 1642) by an unnamed copyist; the colophon occurs on fol. 46a5–10.

Contents: This is a mixed volume of astrological material arranged in unnumbered bāb, beginning with an extensive quotation from Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn that presents a partial copy of the introduction and the first two chapters of Book One, without the diagrams.

Attribution and title: The author is not named. The title is given as Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn on fol. 1b6.7

Physical description: 7 leaves (folios 1b–7b) from a manuscript consisting of 46 folios. Dimensions are unknown; 23 lines per page.

Paper: The nature of the paper is unknown.

7 Gharāʾib 2011, 2:695–831.
Script: The text is written in a precise, compact Naskh script. There are no catchwords or marginalia. For a sample page, see Gharāʾīb 2011, 192.
Illustrations: None.
Binding: Unknown
Provenance: Unknown
Editions/printings: The entire astrological treatise found in this manuscript has been edited and published by al-Mahdi Eld al-Rawadieh under the title Gharāʾīb al-funūn wa-mulāḥ al-ʿuyūn wa-nuzhat al-ʿushshāq lil-ṭālib al-mushtāq (Curiosities of the Sciences, Marvels for the Eyes, and Pleasures of the Passions for the Seeker of Journeys). 8
Catalogue descriptions: King 1986, 74 entry C65; King 1986a, 748–50.
Additional notes: The cataloguer David King gave the title as Gharāʾīb al-funūn wa-mulāḥ al-ʿuyūn wa-nuzhat al-ʿushshāq lil-ṭālib al-mushtāq and assigned the treatise to ʿAbd al-Ḥannā ibn Ḥusām al-Dīn Ahmad ibn al-ʿArabānī al-Miṣrī, though in David King’s second volume, providing extracts of manuscripts, he placed the author’s name in brackets, indicating that it is not in the text, and the title is given only as Gharāʾīb al-funūn wa-mulāḥ al-ʿuyūn. 9 More will be said below in the subsection V (Authorship) regarding the incorrect attribution of the treatise to one Ibn al-ʿArabānī.

This same manuscript was later copied in 1332/1913–14, with the second copy also kept at the Dār al-Kutub in Cairo, where it has the shelfmark MS 8oskhīn. The derivative copy consists of 50 folios, with 25 lines per page. It bears two annotations: ‘copied at the expense of Efendi Amin Talʿat al-Falākī al-Kurdī resident in Cairo in 1332 [1913–14]’ and ‘sold to Muḥammad Efendi Abū al-Faḍl’.[10] This second, later, copy was not employed in the present edition, though it was used by al-Mahdi Eld al-Rawadieh in his edition of Gharāʾīb al-funūn wa-mulāḥ al-ʿuyūn wa-nuzhat al-ʿushshāq lil-ṭālib al-mushtāq.

MS G—Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, MS orient.
A 2066, item 2
Date: The copy was completed on 2 Muḥarram 1154 (= 7 April 1741). The colophon occurs on fol. 164a10–16. The copyist is not named, but it appears to be written in the same hand as copied the first item in the volume (on the medical uses of animals), transcribed by Muḥammad ibn ‘Abd al-ʿAzīz al-Shāfīʿī al-Ḥalabī al-muttaḥībīn in the previous year.
Contents: It is an incomplete copy. This manuscript, following a brief introduction, provides full copies of six of the chapters of Book Two, but not in the proper sequence. When compared with MS A (Bodleian, MS arab. c. 90), we see that the unnumbered chapters (fasṣas) are in the following order: Chapter Twenty-One (fols. 148a12–150b13), Twenty-Four (fols. 150b14–155b2); Twenty-Five (fols. 155a3–156b15); Twenty (fols. 156b16–161b5); Twenty-Two (fols. 161b6–162b17); and Twenty-Three (fols. 162b18–164g).

Attribution and title: The author is not named. The title is given in the colophon (fol. 164a10–16) as Kitāb al-Saqf al-marfūʿ wa-al-mihād al-mawḍūʿ (The Book of the Raised-up Roof and the Laid-down Bed, also called Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels for the Eyes). At the beginning of the manuscript (fol. 147b14), the compiler of this manuscript (possibly also the copyist) specifies that he transcribed material from (hadhihi manqūlah min) the treatise titled Gharāʾīb al-funūn wa-mulāḥ al-ʿuyūn wa-yusammā ayḍan bi-Gharāʾīb al-funūn wa-mulāḥ al-ʿuyūn bi-l-Saqf al-marfūʿ wa-al-mihād al-mawḍūʿ, which he calls ‘a splendid book’ (kitāb jatlī).

Physical description: 18 leaves (fols. 147b–164a). It is one of two items comprising a volume of 164 folios. Dimensions 21.0 × 16.0 (text area 13.2 × 10.8) cm; 19–21 lines per page.
Paper: The nature of the paper is unknown. The lower portions of many of the pages are water-stained.

Script: The text is written in an awkward and ill-formed Naskh, with irregular line-spacing and margins. There are catchwords. Prominent words and headings are written in a slightly larger or elongated script and there are some overlinings. See fig. 0.3 for sample folios.
Illustrations: None.
Binding: Unknown
Provenance: On fol. 1a of the volume, there is an owner’s note for al-shammās (the ordained deacon) Ḥanān al-ṭabīb al-maḥrūni son of (walad) Shukri Arūtīn al-ṭabīb (Walad Shukry Elarbi él Lebbeh al-Moulimi)
Editions/printings: None.
Fig. 0.3. The opening of MS G. Forschungs-bibliothek Gotha, MS. orient. A 2066, fols. 147b–148a; copied 1554/74.
Additional notes: The published catalogue entry interprets the author as Ibn al-ʿArabānī al-Miṣri, following similar attributions in Oxford and Milan catalogues. See below the subsection V (Authorship) for an explanation of this incorrect attribution.

**MS C.2—Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS 1852 adab,**

**fols. 70a10–78a**

Date: The copy is unsigned and undated.

Contents: It contains only a fragment of the treatise. It opens (fols. 76b2–74b9) with the fourteenth chapter of Book two, and concluding (fols. 77a7–78a13) with a version of the first chapter of Book Two. In the portion corresponding to 2.15, there are several additional entries for mythical islands, interspersed between the entries for islands in the Indian Ocean; these entries are the same as the additional entries in MS D.

Attribution and title: The title of the treatise preserved in these nine folios is given (fol. 70a10–11) as Kitāb Anis al-jalis fi akhbār Tinnis wa-al-jazaʿūr (The Companion Guide to the History of Tinnis and the Islands) and the author is given (fol. 70a12–13) as Shams al-Dīn Muḥammad ibn al-shaykh Shihāb al-Dīn Ahmad al-maʿrūf bi-Ibn Bassām al-Muḥtasib al-Tinnīsī.

Physical description: 9 leaves (folios 77a–78a) in a mixed volume consisting of 85 folios. Dimensions 25 × 17 (text area 19 × 13) cm; 15 lines per page.

Paper: The nature of the paper is unknown.

Script: The text is written in a precise Naskh script with considerable vocalisation. The letter ʿayn occasionally has a minuscule letter beneath; text breaks and emphases are indicated by a group of three tear-drop shapes or by a dot enclosed in a circle; headings are in large, elongated script, and subheadings are over-lined. There are catch-words and some marginalia.

Illustrations: None.

Binding: Unknown

Provenance: Unknown

Editions/printings: The treatise Kitāb Anis al-jalis fi akhbār Tinnis wa-al-jazaʿūr has been edited by Jamāl al-Dīn al-Shayyāl, using this unique manuscript copy, in Ibn Bassām 1967, 35–41.

Catalogue descriptions: Jamāl al-Dīn al-Shayyāl provides a description of the manuscript in Ibn Bassām 1967, 17–20, reproducing the brief entries in early Dār al-Kutub catalogues and then expanding the description.

Additional notes: The volume is a collection of six treatises, or abstracts from treatises. Fols. 1–60 is by Abū ʿAlī al-Qālī; fols. 61–69 contain an anonymous history of Damietta (تارخ دمياط); fols. 70a–78a the treatise here edited (fol. 70a4–9) has a brief チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a; fols. 78b–83a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 85b–86a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 85b–86a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 85b–86a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 85b–86a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 85b–86a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 84b–85b contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī; fols. 85b–86a contain a チャール in Eṣṣat al-dīn, 49a also by al-Ṣaghānī.

The following copies were not employed in this edition because they were unavailable:

**Algiers, Bibliothèque Nationale, MS 1554**

Dated: The copy was made in 1115/1703–4.

Contents: 37 leaves. The contents are uncertain; the catalogue entry suggests that the introduction referred to five maqālahs, but that only the astronomical portion was preserved in the copy.

Attribution and title: The author is not named. The title is given in the printed catalogue as Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn.

Physical description: Dimensions 17.8 × 12.3 cm; 17 lines per page.


Additional notes: The published catalogue entry for the manuscript assigns the authorship to Ibn al-Gharbānī, citing an early Bodleian catalogue and Hajji Khalīfah. For an explanation of this incorrect attribution, see the subsection V (Authorship) below.

No further information is available. The library reports that the copy has now been lost (or stolen).11

**Mosul, Madrasat Yaḥya Pāshā, MS 131**

Date: Unknown

Contents: Uncertain. It is stated in the very brief published catalogue entry that the manuscript concerned the heavens and the climes (fi al-falak

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11 According to information obtained by al-Mahdī E id al-Rawai dieh (Gharāʾib 2011, 132.)
wa-al-aqlīm) and that it contained drawings and diagrams and [possibly] coloured maps, though the next-to-the-last word in the catalogued entry is not clearly printed.12 No further information is provided as to the contents or length.

**Attribution and title:** No author is given in the catalogue entry, but the title appears in the published catalogue listing as Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-muṣāḥat al-ʿayān wa-nuzhat al-ʿushshāq lil-fālib al-muṣṭāq (Curiosities of the Sciences, Marvels for the Eyes, and Pleasures of the Passions for the Seeker of Journeys). This is the same title as that assigned by cataloguers to the Cairo copy (MS C) described above and employed by the Turkish lexicographer Hājjī Khalīfah (Kātip Çelebī, d. 1068/1657).13

**Catalogue descriptions:** Chalabi 1927, 234 no. 131. Note that C. Brockelmann gave an incorrect manuscript number in his entry for this copy (GAL-S, 2360, which reads Mūsul 234, 13).

No further information is available about this copy.

**II. Comparison of the Copies**

The approximate relationship between the preserved copies is illustrated by a stemma depicted in fig. 0.4. It is impossible to determine or even offer a conjecture as to the number of intervening copies (now lost) represented by each [X] in the lineage of copies. This stemma, though complex, illustrates important features and relationships of the existing copies of the treatise or parts thereof. A comparison of the manuscripts shows a considerable division between MS A on the one hand, and the later manuscripts. MS A, probably dating to the late twelfth century, is heavily illustrated, with rich use of colors. It contains only two books, on the heavens and the Earth, and makes no direct reference to additional material.

Manuscripts D, B, and M form a cluster of closely related copies. They are illustrated, but generally with less detail than MS A, and with no use of colours. The reliance of the three copies on the same (quite defective) exemplar is evident in the fifth chapter of Book One, where all three are missing most of the chapter but take it up at precisely the same point, where the star mallāḥ al-safīnah is named. Similarly, in the third chapter of Book One, copies D, M and B break off at the same point in the midst of the discussion of the constellation Eridanus.

MS D contains three additional books, on horses, camels and hunting, and these additional books are also mentioned in MS M and MS B (though not included in the copies). There is a close chronological and possibly geographical link between the three, as MS D was made in northern Syria in 1564, MS B also in Syria or northern Mesopotamia in 1571, and MS M can be dated to the sixteenth century. While the three copies appear to have had access to the same exemplar, they are independent copies with none of the three being copied from one of the others. Further examples of their relationships will be given below.

As for the remaining manuscripts, with the exception of the Mosul copy (according to the published catalogue entry), they are all un-illustrated, and appear to be either derived from this sixteenth-century cluster or at least show no direct reliance on MS A. MS G, copied in 1741, has an explicit mention of five books, but contains only the mirabilia chapters at the end of Book Two. The lost MS Algiers, copied in 1703, also apparently had reference to five books. The short MS C-2, of unknown date, reproduces entries for mythical islands that are found in MS D, but not in MS A.

Only MS C, copied in 1642 and containing just parts of the introduction and the first two chapters of Book One, may be directly related to MS A, as it does not refer explicitly to five books, but only to ‘books’, as does MS A. However, MS C contains some astrological material, on the values of the ‘limit’ or ‘term’ (ḥadd, pl. ḥudūd) of each zodiacal sign (in Chapter Two of Book One), that has parallels only in MS D, and not in A. In no other respect is MS C closely related to MS D, and in three instances the values of the ‘shares’ are not identical between the two copies D and C. It is possible that these details were inserted later by a diligent copyist (or copyists) from another astrological treatise.

There is some evidence that MS A was not the basis of any of the later copies known to us. A sentence near the beginning of the fourteenth chapter in Book Two that is missing from MS A, most probably due to a copyist mistake in A, is preserved in the later MS D and MS C-2 (the only later copies to reproduce this chapter on Tinnīs). Similarly, an entire line missing from MS A in an account of a group of stars in Book One, Chapter Seven (fol. 15a), is found in MSS D, B and M. This strongly suggests that MSS D, B, M and C-2 were not directly descended from

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12 Chalabi 1927, 234: في الفكر والإقليم فيه صور ورسوم ملونة.
13 Hājjī Khalīfah 1835, 4:305 no. 8559.
Fig. 0.4. Stemma showing the probable relationships between preserved copies.
MS A, but from another exemplar, now lost. In addition, the inclusion or reference to five books, which is common to the later manuscripts, is not derived directly from MS A, where only two books are mentioned (on this, see more below).

On the other hand, there are certain aspects which indicate continuity between MS A and the later manuscripts. Chapters eight and nine of Book Two are missing from MS D, as they are missing in MS A, and so are completely lost to us. This indicates that these two chapters were lost at a very early stage in the copying of the treatise. In addition, the illustrations in the sixteenth-century cluster of manuscripts (MS D, M and B), whether of stars or of cartographical diagrams, are inferior to those in A, but are for the most part clearly recognizable as coming from a similar source. Another indication of continuity between MS A and the later manuscripts is that when MS D omits diagrams from Book Two, it omits all the text that happens to be included within the frame of the map in A. There are several examples for this. The map of Tinnīs and its labels, which is found only in MS A, is omitted in MS D. But MS D also lacks the final two paragraphs in Chapter Fourteen, on Tinnīs, which precedes the map. These two paragraphs conclude the treatise on Tinnīs (Anīs al-falās) as it is known from other manuscripts. But when the diagram was omitted in MS D, these paragraphs were omitted as well. Similarly, when the copyist of MS D reproduced an unlabelled version of the map of Mahdiyah, he omitted not only the labels on the map, but also a maritime itinerary from Mahdiyah to Sicily that in MS A is placed inside the diagram. The same is true for the omission of text that in MS A is located within the frame of the maps of Cyprus (2.15), the diagram of Bays of Byzantium (2.16) and just above the diagram of the sources of the Nile (2.17). In some cases, the later manuscripts omit the illustration but retain the text that in MS A appears just outside the diagram. For example, the opening diagram in MS A, which follows immediately after the introduction, is omitted in MSS D, B, M, and C. But these manuscripts preserve the text of the side panels surrounding the opening diagram. In another example, MS D reproduces the textual descriptions of the Nile, Euphrates and Tigris, which in MS A are located on the margins of the map. All in all, these features again suggest that either the exemplar of MS D was dependent on A, or that the maps in MS A are faithful to an even earlier exemplar, which was a common source to MS A and the sixteenth-century manuscript cluster.

The later copies show more interest in Book One, on the heavens, than in Book Two, on the depiction of the Earth. The fullest, illustrated version of Book Two is preserved in the earliest copy, MS A. It only lacks the final chapter and half of the penultimate chapter due to the loss of the final folios. The undated and un-illustrated MS C-2 preserves the text of the chapters on Tinnīs and Cyprus (2.14, 2.15). MS G, copied in 1741, contains only six un-illustrated chapters from Book Two (recorded out of sequence), while the un-illustrated first chapter (2.1) is partially preserved in copies B and C–2 as well as D. The half-page illustration that closes the tenth and final chapter of Book One in MS A is lost entirely from the later manuscript tradition. MS D, which is the only other manuscript to reproduce the text of Book Two in full (minus the eighth and ninth chapters also missing in A), omits completely many of the maps, including the maps the Caspian and the Indian Ocean, Sicily, Tinnīs, and the River Indus. As noted above, if a text is located within a diagram in MS A, and the diagram is omitted in MS D, the text will be invariably omitted too. The omission in MS D of most of the maps and any text encompassed within their frames also suggests a complete miscomprehension of the function of maps in the later copy.

When the diagrams are preserved in the sixteenth-century cluster of manuscripts, there are interesting variations both from MS A and among the later copies themselves. The diagram that closes the first chapter of Book One (1.1), continued to be included in the exemplar from which MSS D, B, and M were derived, though with important labels omitted. In MS M, the diagram repeats the basic circular and linear form (but inverted) of the diagram found in the much older MS A, but omits all the labels that fill the rings in the older diagram. For the diagram in MS A, see fol. 5b of the facsimile and fig. 1.2; for the diagram in MS M, see fig. 0.5.

In the closely-related Damascus copy (completed in 972/1564), the few labels that have been retained are misplaced, the number of concentric circles reduced from five to four, and two extra nonsensical smaller circles have been added. See fig. 0.6.

In the related Karshūnī (Arabic in Syriac script) version now in the Bodleian (MS B), copied in Syria seven years later (1571), two versions of the diagram are given, one with Arabic labels and one with labels in Syriac script. Neither have the longer inscriptions of the older MS A, while the design is virtually identical to that of MS D. See fig. 0.7.

There is also a rare example of illustrations added in the sixteenth-century cluster. Chapter Three of
Book One is un-illustrated in MS A, but the later copies D, B, and M all add small illustrations of the constellations in the form of rows of dots, for the most part meaningless. For examples from the three later copies, see figs. 0.8, 0.9, and 0.10.

In the sixth chapter of Book One, on comets, a transformation over time of the imagery of the comets is evident in the comparison of the four copies which contain this material. See fig. 0.11.

In the seventh chapter of Book One, also concerned with comets, the sharp pointed tails evident in the illustrations in the early copy A are less precise in their delineation in the sixteenth-century cluster. The dependence of copies D, B, and M on the same exemplar is evident from the comparison. See fig. 0.12.

The precise relationship between the three related sixteenth-century manuscripts can be demonstrated in their handling of the fragmentary text of Book One, Chapter Nine in copies M and D. First, the text provides further evidence that the copyists worked from the same exemplar (or from very close copies of the same exemplar). This exemplar must have been defective in that it had only the first three lunar mansions of Chapter Nine, with the text then jumping to Chapter Ten, omitting the diagram with surrounding text that opens chapter ten and picking up the text in the second line beneath the diagram preserved only in copy A. The copyist of copy M appears to have copied the defective exemplar exactly as it was before him (see fig. 0.13), while the copyist of copy D relegated the fragmentary discussion of the first three lunar mansions to the margins and replaced the chapter itself with very extensive direct quotations from the treatise Kitāb al-Anwāʾ composed by ibn Qutaybah (d. c. 276/889).14 See fig. 0.14 for the relegation of the text to the margins of the tenth chapter by the copyist of D. Thus it is evident that copy M was not made directly from copy D. The copyist of copy D left it out of the text but noted in the margin that no name was given for the constellation, the copyist of M left it out of the text but supplied in the margin two incorrect names. The name al-jāthī is clearly written in the text preserved in the early MS A (fol. 10a4), again suggesting that the line of transmission from copy A was not direct.

In Book Two, MS D contains eight crude sketches that demonstrate the inclusion in the copyist’s exemplar of some version of eight of the original maps. This provides evidence that at least some of the maps did continue to stay in the manuscript tradition and to interest readers during the intervening 350 years. Maps, however, require considerable skill to reproduce accurately and are easily misunderstood or lost altogether as a treatise is sequentially copied. In the case of the Mediterranean map accompanying the tenth chapter, copy D has simply two rectangular frames (suggesting a double-page original map), left blank with the title written inside (see fig. 0.15).

In the case of the maps of al-Mahdiyah and Cyprus, the sketches preserved in MS D become immediately identifiable when compared with the equivalent maps preserved in MS A. See figs. 0.16 and 0.17 for the two sketches in MS D, and the facsimile, fols. 34a and 36b, for the equivalent maps in MS A.

Of the five river maps illustrating Chapter Eighteen of Book Two in the early MS A, traces of only three can be seen in the later MS D. The sketches for the Nile, Tigris, and Oxus that are found in copy D are very inadequately rendered. See figs. 0.18 and 0.19 for the three sketches in MS D, and see the facsimile, fols. 42a, 43a, and 44a, for the equivalent maps in MS A.

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14 The entire Chapter Nine of Book One in copy D is taken from ibn Qutaybah and arranged as follows (IQ = printed text in ibn Qutaybah 1956): D fol. 53a3–66b13 = IQ 16b8–8534 greatly abbreviated, with usually only the first two or three paragraphs of each entry; D fol. 67b1–68a22 = IQ 8535–8538; D fol. 68a11–69b1 = IQ 122a6–125b6; D fol. 69b2–74b22 = IQ 142b1–155a3; D fol. 74a11–75b40 = IQ 120c–121c; D fol. 75a4–76a22 = IQ 195c–120c;
Fig. 0.5. Diagram in MS M illustrating retrograde motion of the five ‘erratic’ planets, at the end of Chapter One, Book One. Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS & 76 sup., fol. 14b; copied c.1500s.

Fig. 0.6. Diagram in MS D illustrating retrograde motion of the five ‘erratic’ planets at the end of Chapter One, Book One. Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭāniyah, MS 16501, fol. 12a, copied 972/1564.
Fig. 0.7. Two diagrams in MS B illustrating retrograde motions, one labelled in Arabic script and the other in Syriac script, from the end of Chapter One, Book One, Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Ori. 68, fols. 115b–116a, copied 1570.
Fig. 0.8: The constellations of Boötes, Corona Borealis, Hercules, Lyra, Cygnus, and Cassiopeia, from Chapter Three of Book One in MS D. Damascus, Maktabat al-Wataniyah MS 16501, fols. 28b–29a, copied in 972/1564.
Fig. 0.9. The constellations Ursa Minor, Ursa Major, and Draco (with start of text for Cepheus) from Chapter Three of Book One in MS B. Bodleian Library, MS. Bodl. Or. 68, fol. 124b, copied 1571.
Fig. 0.10. The constellations Ursa Minor and Ursa Major (with start of text for Draco) from Chapter Three of Book One in MS M. Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS. & 76 sup., fol. 30b, copied c.1500s.
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Fig. 0.11. Eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy in Chapter Six of Book One, as illustrated in the earliest copy (MS A) compared with the three later ones (D, B, and M). Bodleian, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 13b–14b, undated c. 1200; Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyyah, MS 16501, fols. 36a–39a, copied 972/1564; Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, fols. 129b–131a, copied 1571; Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS. & 76 sup., fols. 40b–44a, copied c.1500s.
Fig. 0.12. The seven illustrated ‘stars with faint lances’ attributed to Hermes in Chapter Seven of Book One, as illustrated in the earliest copy (MS A) compared with the three later ones (D, B, and M). Bodleian, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 15b–16a, undated c. 1200; Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyah, MS 16501, fols. 43a–43b, copied 972/1564; Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, fols. 133b–134a, copied 1571; Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS. & 76 sup., fols. 48b–49b, copied c. 1500s.
Fig. 0.13. The opening of Chapter Nine, Book One, in MS M. Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS. & 76 sup., fols. 59b–60a, copied c.1500s.
Fig. 0.14. Part of Chapter Nine, Book One, in MS D in which the text for the first three lunar mansions as given in MS A is transcribed in the margins as a commentary (sharḥ) on the discussion of lunar mansions taken from *Kitāb al-Anwāʾ* of Ibn Qutaybah (d. c. 276/889) and placed in the body of the text. Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭāniyah, MS 16501, fols. 53b–54a, copied 972/1564.
Fig. 0.15. Rectilinear frames on consecutive pages in Chapter Ten of Book Two in MS D. They indicate space for a map of the Mediterranean, left blank except for the title written at the bottom of the first frame and continued at the top of the next: 'The tenth chapter on the Western Sea—i.e., the Syrian Sea—and its harbours and islands and anchorages'. Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyah, MS 16501, fols. 92a and 92b, copied 972/1564.
Fig. 0.16. Sketch map of al-Mahdiyeh in Chapter Thirteen of Book Two in MS D, Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Wataniyeh, MS 16501, fols. 98b–99a, copied 972/1564.
Fig. 0.17. Sketch map of Cyprus in Chapter Fifteen of Book Two in MS D. Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyah, MS 16501, fol. 105b, copied 972/1564.

Fig. 0.18. Sketch for map of the River Nile, Chapter Eighteen of Book Two in MS D. Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyah, MS 16501, fol. 119b, copied 972/1564.
Fig. 0.19. Sketches for the River Tigris [or Euphrates] (right) and the River Oxus (left) from Chapter Eighteen of Book Two in MS D. Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyāh, MS 16501, fols. 120b–121a, copied 972/1564.
III. Two Books or Five?

In the introduction to the treatise, the author states (according to the earliest copy, MS A):

I divided this volume of mine, entitled Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels of the Eyes, into books (maqālāt), each book with consecutive chapters (fusūl) and topics (janān).

This statement is then followed by a brief table of contents for two books (maqālāhs), one on the heavens and one on the Earth. The same sentence is repeated in copies D, B, and M, but with the word khams (five) added before maqālāt, so that it reads 'I divided this volume of mine, entitled Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels of the Eyes, into five books (khams maqālāt), each book with consecutive chapters and topics'. In addition, in MS G, a similar reference is made to five books, where the compiler of the treatise (possibly the copyist Muhammad ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz al-Shāfiʿī al-Ḥalabī) states:

This is a selection taken from the Book of Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels of the Eyes, also known as The Raised-up Roof [i.e., the sky] and The Laid-Down Bed [i.e., the Earth]. It is a splendid book, consisting of five books (khams maqālāt), each with several chapters.

On the other hand, the parallel quotation from the introduction that occurs in copy C, transcribed in 1642 and representing a slightly different manuscript tradition, maintains the simple maqālāt, with no mention of five.

If there were only two maqālāt comprising the treatise, one might have expected the copyist of A (and C) to have clearly indicated that fact by using the dual form of maqālah (maqālatayn). Such consistency with the norms of formal classical Arabic, however, is often not found in many medieval writings. And while in A there is a gap before the word maqālāt at the start of line twelve of folio 1b, suggesting that a space was left for the word khams, there are many comparable spaces which are left blank throughout the copy.

The nature of the three additional books on horses, on camels, and on hunting, as preserved in MS D, is strikingly different from the first two—not only in subject matter but also in style of composition. The author of the Book of Curiosities (as defined by the two books constituting MS A) seems to have had little interest in poetry and proverbs. Consequently, the emphasis upon poetry and linguistics in the three books on horses, camels, and hunting contrasts markedly with the narrative and factual style of discourse found in the first two books. There is also a logical structure to the first two books—both beginning with magnitudes (the size of sphere of fixed stars for the first book, the circumference of the Earth for the second book) and slowly working downward to particulars (winds for Book One and wild animals and birds for Book Two).

The three books on horses, camels, and hunting may well have been written about the time of our treatise, for there are no persons or events cited that require a later dating. The material is drawn from pre-Islamic and early Islamic poets and grammarians, directly or indirectly through the works of Kashājīm (d. 350/961) and the Kitāb al-Bayzarah of the bāzyūr of the Fatimid caliph al-ʿAzīz bi-Allāh (reg. 975–996). Indeed, it is not impossible that the author of the first two books (on the sky and the Earth) at some later point composed three additional books and attached them to the original two. On the other hand, it is just as possible that a later copyist combined two anonymous treatises into one, thus forming the exemplar from which the sixteenth- and eighteenth-century copies all derive (copies D, B, M, and G, as well apparently the now lost Algiers copy).

For these reasons, we suggest that the original treatise comprised only two books (on the heavens and on the Earth), with their many maps and diagrams. This was the basis for MS A, copied around 1200 AD. Then, independently of MS A, the treatise was combined with additional material providing poetic and linguistic material concerned with horses, camels, and hunting—much as a majmūʿ or mixed volume is assembled—and the series of texts circulated under the name of the first item. Because the oldest copy (older by some 350 years) consists of two books, we can with certainty say that those two were contained in the original. In the earliest copy there is no reference to additional books, and there is a striking stylistic difference between the last three books and the first two.

15 MS A, fol. 1b1r.
16 MS D, fol. 2a4–5; MS B, fol. 109b8–9; MS M, fol. 2b6–8; the catalogue for the Algiers copy also refers to there being five maqālāhs, but the manuscript itself has not been examined.
17 MS G, fol. 147b3–5.
18 MS C, fol. 1b6–7.
Of course it can also be asserted that the original consisted of all five books—and that is the position taken by al-Mahdi Eid al-Rawadieh in his edition of 2011. Those who are interested in the last three chapters should consult his edition, based on the Damascus manuscript, which is the only copy that preserves them.

IV. The Circular World Map—Fatimid or Norman?

The circular world map that is preserved only in MS A (fols. 27b–28a) presents some anomalous and puzzling features. The map occupies a full opening of a bi-folio (a pair of conjugate leaves) formed by one piece of paper; in other words, it is at the centre of a quire formed of ten folios. The paper is identical in every way to the paper used in the rest of the quire and in the rest of the manuscript—that is, it has the characteristics of paper made in Egypt and Greater Syria in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries—and it is worn, soiled and thumbed in the same way as the other folios in the volume. The verso of the left-hand side of the map (fol. 28b) is blank and the back side of the right-hand part of the map (folio 27a) would have been blank originally, but it (and the lower part of the preceding fol. 26b) were filled in by a later reader/owner with crudely executed paintings of wāqwāq trees and an inhabited scrolling vine. These latter paintings are in a style that argues for them having been added in the fourteenth or even fifteenth century, and they clearly were not produced by the same person making the map itself or any other portion of the manuscript copy.

There are a number of reasons for questioning whether this circular world map was originally part of this manuscript copy and, by extension, part of the original treatise itself. The unusual placement of the map with blank folios either side (fols. 27a and 28b) could suggest that the text of the chapter stopped on folio 26b and the text of the subsequent chapter began on the next folio (now fol. 28a) when the bi-folio was not in its present position. If there was no intention of including a map at this point, however, we would expect the sixth chapter to have begun immediately after the end of the fifth (one-third down from the top of fol. 26b), in a pattern consistent with the rest of manuscript. On the other hand, it could be argued that the copyist had to leave these areas blank at the end of the text of Chapter Five in order to accommodate the large circular world map that required two facing pages. The fact that fol. 28b was left blank could be explained by the fact that the subsequent chapter (Chapter Six) also required a map on facing pages, and for that reason the brief textual part of Chapter Six was written on fol. 29a to keep it close to the Indian Ocean map, leaving fol. 28b with no text written on it.

The map is placed after the end of Chapter Five on ‘the cities (ʾamsār) of the remote regions’, which is an adaptation of a section from Hippocrates’ *Airs, Waters and Places* (*Kitāb al-Ahwiyah wa-al-azminah wa-al-miyāh wa-al-buldān*). It is concerned with the four climatic extremes where certain types of people reside; no individual city is actually named, for cities are referred to only in groups or regions (cities of the extreme South, cities in the furthest lands of Armenia, etc.). The map appears to have no particular relevance to the chapter, except that it also depicts the world in terms only of regions and countries, for the map has not a single city or town labelled, but only regions. Unlike all the other maps in MS A, which form either a separate chapter or have an integral link to the chapter in which they are included, this map does neither and appears to have been something of an afterthought.

The cartographic style of this particular map is strikingly different from all other maps in MS A. Unlike the other maps in MS A, where green is used for seas and blue for rivers and fresh-water lakes, this map denotes large aquatic spaces by blue and/or purplish-blue, with no distinction between salty and fresh water. Mountains are denoted with a much darker colour than the red or purple-red used in other maps. This is the only map in MS A to employ copper greens, for the rivers in the interior of the map are painted in verdigris and display considerable deterioration. There is also no red underlining of the basic features on the map, as is evident on the other maps; rather, all the islands are first outlined in black ink and then ringed in pale yellow. In addition, while the nature of the script is similar to the

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20 *Gharāʾib* 2011.

21 The word *amsār*, translated here as ‘cities’, can also mean ‘limits’ or ‘boundaries’.

22 Raman spectroscopy revealed that the surrounding ocean was originally painted in a blue pigment of lazurite and then over-painted with a darker blue-purple layer of indigo. The rivers were shown to be painted in verdigris. See Chaplin, Clark et al. 2006, 871–72.
rest of the manuscript, the compass outlines and the labels were drawn using a finer nib than elsewhere in the volume. In terms of design, the map lacks the red dots that represent cities and ports on the other maps, but this omission is in keeping with the fact that only regions are designated. Of greatest concern, however, is the fact that the circular world map is of a type well-known from other sources. Virtually identical versions of this circular world map are to be found in six copies of the treatise *Nuzhat al-mushtaq fi ikhtirāq al-āfāq* (Entertainment for He Who Longs to Travel the World) composed in 549/1154 by al-Idrīsī for Roger II, the Norman king of Sicily. Another version is found in a manuscript of Ibn Khaldūn’s *Muqaddimah*. Were this map an integral part of the original eleventh-century Fatimid treatise, it would mean that it represents a pre-Idrisian world map that circulated a hundred years before the time of al-Idrīsī.

It is not impossible that copies of this distinctive circular world map were inserted by later copyists into copies of al-Idrīsī’s famous treatise. Al-Idrīsī himself does not refer to such a world map in his text, but only to his uniquely-designed seventy regional maps. However, to make such an assertion would be to argue for a major revision of the history of Islamic cartography. It is equally possible—and indeed perhaps more probable—that this circular, so-called ‘Idrīsī-style’, world map was inserted into our copy A when it was made around 1200, some fifty years after al-Idrīsī composed his treatise.

The latter explanation is supported by the fact that most of the labels on the circular world map have no relationship to place names mentioned in the rest of the treatise. In some cases, they refer to place names which are found only in the text of al-Idrīsī’s *Nuzhat al-mushtaq*. For example, the map includes a place called *al-ard al-mahbarah* (The Sunken Land), a legendary region in north-east Asia, in the seventh clime, which is first attested in al-Idrīsī’s work. According to al-Idrīsī, citing al-Jayhānī (fl. early fourth/tenth century), this land consists of an enormous depression in the land, so deep that the bottom cannot be reached, but the appearance of smoke during the day and of fire at night suggests that the place is inhabited. Almost all other labels on the circular map are paralleled by toponyms associated with Idrīsī’s treatise and are not related to the map-labels or texts found elsewhere in the *Book of Curiosities*. An important exception, however, is the label indicating a ‘white sand dune’ in West Africa, which is a source of a western branch of the Nile. This label is not found in the Idrīsī-type world maps, even though they do show a western tributary of the Nile. These white sand dunes are, however, depicted in maps of the Nile in the *Book of Curiosities*. The overlap between this exceptional label and material in other maps of the treatise may be coincidental, or may indicate that whoever placed the circular world map into this copy (MS A) made an effort to align the representation of the sources of the Nile in the circular world map with the representation found elsewhere in the *Book of Curiosities*.

The differences in design and use of colour between this circular world map and the other maps of MS A clearly indicate that it was not designed by the same person. It was likely to be a map that had its own separate history and was easily available to either the author of the *Book of Curiosities* or to the copyist of MS A. Since identical versions of the map are closely associated with six out of ten preserved copies of al-Idrīsī’s treatise of 1154, the simplest explanation would be that it was the copyist of MS A who, around 1200, associated this particular map with this treatise. It is open to further speculation whether the copyist of A made the map himself, or gave the folio to another copyist who was well-known for making copies of this particular map. The latter scenario would account for the slightly different use of pigments and finer drawing instruments.

While it is likely that the circular world map was not an integral part of the original Fatimid treatise, the precise origins of this type of map remain open to uncertainty, for, as said above, al-Idrīsī himself does not refer to such a cartographic representation of the world. The inclusion of this map in MS A, as part of a copy made around AD 1200, suggests wide circulation at this early date, and raises the possibility that this type of map could have pre-dated Idrīsī’s treatise.

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23 Kahlouli 2009, 145–6, emphasises the lack of red dots on this map; Kahlouli 2008, 305, notes slight differences in the final forms of letters nūn and sīn when compared with labels on the Rectangular World Map (fols. 23b–24a).
24 For examples of this type, see Maqbul Ahmad 1992, figs. 7.1–7.5.
25 It was published and edited by Franz Rosenthal in Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1109–11 and frontispiece.
26 This possibility is discussed in Johns and Savage-Smith 2002, 13–14.
27 Idrīsī 1970, 961.
28 See labels nos. 111 and 173 on the Rectangular World Map (2.2), and label no. 007 on the map of the Nile (2.16).
V. The Authorship

The author of Kitāb Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-muṣābik al-‘iṣyāʿ (The Book of Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels for the Eyes) is not named in any existing copy and has not been identified. The treatise does, however, provide a number of clues as to where and when the author lived and worked.

Our author recognized the legitimate authority of the Fatimid imams who came to power in Ifrīqiyah (modern Tunisia) in 297/909 and ruled at Cairo from 364/973 until their dynasty was brought to an end by Šalāḥ al-Dīn (Saladin) in 568/1171. At their heyday, the Fatimids ruled all over Syria, Egypt and North Africa. Whereas the Abbasid caliphs of Baghdad were recognized as the rightful leaders of the Muslim community by the Sunni majority, the Fatimid imams—who claimed to be the biological descendants of the Prophet Muḥammad through his daughter Fāṭimah—were recognized as legitimate by a faithful minority of Ismāʿīlī Muslims.

The dedication at the beginning of the work offers blessings to the ‘the leaders of the community from among his descendants; the virtuous chosen ones; the good Caliphs’—a typical reference to the Fatimid Imam-Caliphs. Chapter Thirteen on the city of Mahdīyah, eulogizes the foundation of the city as a new Fatimid Capital by the Imam ‘Ubayd Allāh in AD 916–921. The second half of the account describes the anti-Fatimid rebellion of Abū Yazīd, the ‘man on the donkey’, in 333/945. The eventual triumph of the Fatimid caliphs is celebrated with an invective poem against the rebels. An additional statement of support for the Fatimids is found in an astrological chapter dealing with ominous stars. It consists of a derogatory reference to another anti-Fatimid rebel, Abū Rakwah (d. 399/1007).

The geographical focus of The Book of Curiosities is Muslim maritime centres of the ninth- to eleventh-century eastern Mediterranean, such as Sicily, the textile-producing and strategic port of Tinnīs in the Nile Delta, and Mahdīyah in modern Tunisia. The author is equally acquainted with Byzantine-controlled areas of the Mediterranean, such as Cyprus, the Aegean Sea, and the southern coasts of Anatolia. The maps of Mahdīyah, Tinnīs and Sicily—specifically its representation of Palermo and its suburbs and rural hinterland—all suggest first-hand knowledge of the cities. This is so partly because the maps contain details that are not found in the accompanying texts, and partly because these city maps are not mere diagrams, but rather aim at representing faithfully the locations of some of the main features of these cities, including buildings, walls and port facilities. It seems reasonable that the author travelled widely in the eastern Mediterranean. However, the author’s occasional use of Coptic terms and Coptic months, together with his allegiance to the Fatimid caliphs based in Cairo, does suggest Egypt as a likely place of production.

The treatise is almost certainly composed before AD 1050. The tribal group of the Banū Qurrah are mentioned in Chapter Six of Book Two as inhabiting the lowlands near Alexandria. Chronicles report that this tribal group settled in the Buḥayrah region near Alexandria during the early Fatimid period, and became a threat to the city and its environs. The Fatimid authorities waged several campaigns against them, eventually banishing them from the region in 443/1050–51. This makes it very likely that this treatise was written before that date. A second, more definite, terminus ad quem is the Norman conquest of Sicily. Since Sicily is described as being under Muslim rule, the treatise could not have been composed later than the Norman invasion in 1070.

The last dated event mentioned in the treatise is the construction of buildings for merchants in the city of Tinnīs in 405/1014–15. Moreover, al-Ḥākim bi-Amr Allāh, the Fatimid ruler of Egypt and Syria from 386/996 to 411/1021, is referred to in the chapter on Tinnīs as if he were no longer reigning. Therefore, the treatise was probably composed after 411/1021.

For the above reasons, we can with certainty place the date of composition between AD 1020 and 1050, under Fatimid rule. This dating is consistent with the sources, persons and localities mentioned in the treatise. The sources for the astronomical and astrological material for the most part date from the third/ninth century, and the two most used geographers, al-Maqrīzī and Ibn Ḥawqal, both lived in the

29  Rawadiēh suggests that the author may have decided to conceal his identity on purpose, because of his Shīʿi—Ismāʿīlī views (Gharāʾib 2011, 140–45).
30  MS A, fol. 1b, lines 4–6.
31  Ibid., fol. 15b. Walīd ibn Ḥishām Abū Rakwah was a leader of a rebellion against the Fatimid Caliph al-Ḥākim that lasted from 397/1005 until his execution in Cairo two years later (EF, art. ’al-walid b. Ḥishām Abī Rakwa’).
32  On these city maps, see Rapoport 2012. On the author’s familiarity with Sicily, see also Gharāʾib 2011, 145–46; Johns 2004.
fourth/tenth century. Even in the books on horses, camels and hunting, found in MS D, the latest source is a book on falconry written for the Fatimid caliph al-ʿAzīz (reg. 365–386/975–996). Mahdi al-Rawadieh identified this as the Kitāb al-Bayzarah (Book of Falconry), a work written by the caliph’s personal falconer, and which has survived in a single manuscript.\textsuperscript{34} It is also noteworthy that the maps do not indicate any city established after the beginning of the fifth/eleventh century. There is no mention of Marrakesh, established no earlier than 459/1067, or Mansura in Egypt, established in 616/1219.\textsuperscript{35}

In his edition of this treatise, Rawadieh has argued for a much later date of authorship, as late as the first quarter of the seventh/thirteenth century. His main reason for this later date, and for rejecting the fifth/eleventh-century dating proposed here, is the reliance of the author on the history of Tinnīs by the city’s market inspector Ibn Bassām. The work, known as the Kitāb Anīs al-jalīs fī akhbār Tinnīs (The Companion Guide to the History of Tinnīs), has been dated by Jamāl al-Dīn Shayyāl to the end of the sixth/twelfth century.\textsuperscript{36} Shayyāl’s dating is not based on the intrinsic evidence of the treatise, however, but on another treatise attributed to Ibn Bassām, a manual on market supervision (a hisbah-manual) which has been itself dated to the thirteenth century. This dating of the hisbah-manual has been recently doubted, partly as a result of the discovery of the Book of Curiosities.\textsuperscript{37} Whatever the date of the hisbah-manual, the history of Tinnīs refers to no event later than the persecution of the Christians of Tinnīs and the destruction of their churches by the Fatimid caliph al-Ḥākim in 1012–1013. It does not mention any of the disasters that befell Tinnīs during the Crusades, from the mid-twelfth century onwards, which culminated in the evacuation of the city in 1189–1190 and its total destruction in 1227.\textsuperscript{38}

In our view, then, Ibn Bassām’s treatise on Tinnīs itself should be re-dated to the early fifth/eleventh century, and not the other way around.

The other substantial objection raised by Rawadieh to our dating of the original treatise to between 1020 and 1050 AD is the inclusion in MS A of a copy of the circular world map associated with al-Idrīsī (fl. 549/1154). As discussed above, it is likely that this circular world map was not an integral part of the original treatise, but was added when copy A was made around 1200.\textsuperscript{39}

The author of the Book of Curiosities also composed an earlier treatise, now lost. He refers at several points to this earlier composition, whose title was al-Muḥīṭ (The Comprehensive). At the end of Chapter Two of Book One, following a discourse on the attributes of the twelve zodiacal signs, the author says:40

\textit{Twice in Book Two, the anonymous author again refers to his al-Kitāb al-Muḥīṭ. It is first mentioned at the opening of the chapter:}\textsuperscript{41}

The technical aspects of the art, we have not elucidated in this book [i.e., the Book of Curiosities]. We have, however, explained and analysed them in a thorough manner in our book entitled al-Muḥīṭ (The Comprehensive). Whoever wishes to attain what he desires from the knowledge of these zodiacal signs, as they have been explained, written down and studied by the scholars, should—so help him God—examine our other book, The Comprehensive.

And then again in the entry for Sardinia and Corsica, midway through the same chapter:\textsuperscript{42}

\textit{Gharāʾib 2011, 146–52. There are two other objections made by Rawadieh. One is that the port of Arwād, in Syria, is mentioned in the treatise as being in ruins. Rawadieh links this with the destruction of the port by the Mamluks after they have captured it from the Latins in 702/1302; we feel that the port may well have been temporarily deserted at earlier periods. The final objection is that the coastal town of Bejaia (Bougie), indicated on the rectangular world map (2.2), was only established in 457/1065. This is not accurate; while the Banū Hammīd established the town of al-Nāṣirīyah in this locality in 453/1062–3, the place name Bijāyah is already mentioned by Ibn Hawqal in the 4th/10th century (see \textit{EP}, art. ‘Bougie’; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 51).}

\textsuperscript{34} Gharāʾib 2011, 156. The falconry treatise has edited (Bayzara 1953; 1995) and translated into French (Viré 1967).

\textsuperscript{35} Gharāʾib 2011, 152.

\textsuperscript{36} See Ibn Bassām 1967.

\textsuperscript{37} Gari 2008, see also Lev 1999. Kristen Stilt suggests the possibility that the author of the history of Tinnīs and the author of the market inspection treatise are not necessarily the same person (Stilt 2011, 60n). Given that the author in both works is named as Ahmad ibn Muḥammad Ibn Bassām al-muḥtasib, this seems to us unlikely.

\textsuperscript{38} On the history of Tinnīs, see \textit{EP}, art. ‘Tinnīs’.

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\textsuperscript{40} MS A: fol. 98b12–17.

\textsuperscript{41} MS A: fol. 36b1–3.

\textsuperscript{42} MS A: fol. 37a8–10.
The island of Sardinia: The circumference of this island is 300 miles. The circumference of the island of Corsica is 200 miles. All in all, there are 162 large inhabited islands in the Mediterranean, but we have confined ourselves to a few so that the book would not be longer than intended. We have given a full list of the islands and the descriptions of their inhabitants in our other book, al-Muḥīṭ. Success comes from God.

The latter passage prompted a later reader of the Bodleian MS A copy to write a note on the title page saying: ‘To the author of this treatise there belongs another book whose title is Muḥīṭ (Comprehensive) (…) it is stated thus in the entry for the island of Sardinia’.

From these three references to the earlier al-Kitāb al-Muḥīṭ, it is evident that this earlier composition also concerned the heavens and the Earth, but apparently with more astronomical and astrological detail than found in the Kitāb Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn and with special attention and detail given the islands of the Mediterranean. It is even possible that the portion of this earlier treatise concerned with geography focussed solely upon the Mediterranean.

Amongst cataloguers of the later copies of portions of The Book of Curiosities, confusion arose regarding the author’s identity. A catalogue of books prepared in the seventeenth century by the Turkish lexicographer Ḥājjī Khalīfah (Kātīb Çelebī, d. 1657) listed a treatise of very similar title, Gharāʾib al-funūn wa-mulaḥ al-ʿuyūn and with special attention and detail given the islands of the Mediterranean. It is even possible that the portion of this earlier treatise concerned with geography focussed solely upon the Mediterranean.

Any assignment of this treatise to a fifteenth-century author should, however, be rejected, as the present manuscript under study demonstrates beyond doubt that a treatise of that name and description was composed in the first half of the eleventh century. The similarity of the title and the opening lines suggest that Ibn al-ʿUraynī’s treatise was closely related to the earlier treatise here edited and translated, but we do not know at present whether his work was a copy, an abridgement, or an expansion of the eleventh-century work, and whether it, rather than the original work, was the source for the later manuscripts of five books described above.

VI. EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS

Note that the name al-ʿArabānī/al-ʿUraynī is written without diacritical dots.

45 Nicoll 1835, 564: Auctor, sec. H. Khal. sub. tit., est Abdul-gani Ben Alsheikh Hisameddin Ahmed vulgo Ibn Almisri Oh. A.H. 854. Nicoll was here ‘correcting’ the older catalogue of Uni 1787, 23 entry CXI, item 4, who had in fact described the treatise as anonymous and given the shorter title that appears in the manuscript.

46 In the later, and fuller, catalogue of Karshuni and Syriac manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, R. Payne Smith read the nisbah, probably correctly, as al-Uraynī, reading Ibn Alayymi Almisri (Payne Smith 1864, col. 595-596 no. 179 item 6). All other cataloguers interpreted it as al-Gharbani or al-ʿArabani, including Carl Brockelmann (GAL-S, 2129 (159) no. 11: GAL-S, 2359–60).

well as the treatise of which it is the earliest copy. By allowing the reader a comparison between the facsimile reproduction and the modern edition of the Arabic text, including the labels on the maps and diagrams, we aim to convey more accurately the interaction between image and text in this manuscript.

Because this is a study of the Bodleian manuscript in particular, and in order to allow easy comparison between facsimile and text, the edition retains the readings of MS A in the body of the text of the Arabic edition, even if they are a result of erroneous copying. Thus, an error on the part of the copyist in MS A still appears in the body of the Arabic edition, followed by the correct interpretation in square brackets. Annotation in the critical apparatus refers to the readings in the later manuscripts, where available. This editorial procedure is non-standard, and may slightly distract from the flow of the reading of the Arabic edition. But it has the benefit of retaining a direct relationship between the edition and the facsimile, as well as providing the correct reading in brackets.

While we have tried to remain as faithful as possible to the MS A, we have also aimed to ease the flow of reading the Arabic text. The orthography has been standardized to a certain extent to bring it into a form more familiar to modern readers, including the addition of dots over the tā’ marbūtah which are almost invariably missing from the manuscripts themselves. Hamzahs have been added, especially in final or medial positions, whereas in the manuscripts they are omitted or represented by the letters yā or waw. So, for example, جزّ or جزء are standardized to جزء and جزء غزاب. Where appropriate, alif maqṣūrah has also replaced the alifs which often represent them in the manuscripts (مرسي standardised to مرسى).48

Omission of diacritical dots is usually not indicated in the edition, unless a word could be interpreted in various ways. Only in the latter case, is the word transcribed in the edition without diacritical marks, followed by our interpretation within square brackets and an annotation citing readings in the later copies.

The forms of numerals have been left as written in the manuscripts. In particular, we kept جزء and جزء غزاب as they appear in the manuscript copies for جزء and جزء غزاب. When D, B, M have خسن and خسين and A has خسن, خسين, خسن and خسح, and in similar variations of numeral forms, the reading of A has been given with no variants noted.

Other minor variants between the copies are also not indicated. When A (and sometimes M) correctly reads، the latter has not been noted. On occasion D, B, M have reads، and sometimes vice versa, or D reads reads where A reads في and in the next line reverses the pairing; such variations are not noted. Unless the sense is affected, difference in word order has not been noted; for example, on fol. 7a, MSS A, D, B, and M read ورجله and A reads ورجله and A reads ورجله where MS C reads ورجله.

Copy B for the most part follows D closely. Unless otherwise stated, it can be assumed that B reads the same as D. For the occasional divergences, the reading in B has been given, or where the word (such as an otherwise unrecorded star-name) is unusual the reading of B has been given to either confirm that given in D or to present a variant.

The system of transliteration of the Arabic into English follows that adopted by the British Library and the Library of Congress, in which the tā’ marbūtah is transcribed as a final h, except in the construct state when it is written as t, and an alif maqṣūrah is transliterated by á. Because it is a system of transliteration based strictly on orthography, the letters alif and lām in the article are always written, even when not pronounced.

A special problem is posed by the transliteration of unidentified place-names or star-names, which are often left without diacritical dots by the copyists (who themselves were unfamiliar with the correct reading). Since letters without diacritical marks could be read in many ways, often at least five, we have opted to use the letter ‘x’ to represent a letter that lacks diacritical dots and could be interpreted in any number of ways. We used this convention in transliterating a number of place names and star-names. It is important to emphasize that it does not reflect any ‘x’ sound in the Arabic language.

The text of the Arabic edition is divided into paragraphs or numbered labels. The English translation has paragraphing that corresponds to that in the edited text. Neither reflects the layout of the original.

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48 Many of these variants are due to Middle Arabic deviating from Classical Arabic orthography and practice; see, for example, Joshua Blau’s discussion of deviations and weakening of orthographic conventions in Middle Arabic (Blau 1965, Appendix I, 123–132).
In the transcription of the Arabic and in the translation, the following conventions have been used:

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Abbreviations for manuscripts employed in the edition:

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B  Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, item 6
C  Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS mūqāt 876, item 1
D  Damascus, Maktabat al-Assad al-Waṭaniyah, MS 16501
E  Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodl. Or. 68, item 6
M  Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, MS & 76 sup., item 1
C  Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS 1852 adab, fols. 70a10–78a

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فهذا النص من الصور، لا يمكن قراءته بشكل طبيعي. من الصعب استخراج النصوص العربية من الصور هذا النوع.
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يرجى إرسال النص العربية اليدوي للمساعدة. 

أنا آسف، لا يمكنني قراءة النص العربي من الصورة. لاحظ أنني أركز على النص العربي المكتوب باليد.
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أبض، وهٰو ليخفق، كما مكانها مكتوبٌ، في نسخةٍ تزامنتها، ألا وفَّرها في تلك النسخة، ونجد مكتوبًا فيها: "اللى تحتها، يمكن تفكيرهم، وكثيرًا من تفاصيلهم، وترويهم، ونحولهم، ونكشفهم، والمثل: "البيب السائل، يمتد نصل إلى القلب، حتى يلبس القلب، وينبض". 

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للمزيد من المعلومات حول هذا السطر، ستحتاج إلى معرفة السياق الكامل للنص.

هذه الصفحة من نص عربي، وتبدو أن النص مكتوب بالخط الفقيه.

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نتوقع أن يكون النص يتناول موضوعًا محددًا، لكننا نحتاج إلى مزيد من المعلومات للإجابة على سؤالك.

شكراً لتقديم النص، سنحاول قراءته بشكل طبيعي إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة أخرى.

من فضلك، قدم لي النص الكامل للسياق، حتى أتمكن من مساعدتك بشكل أفضل.
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[A FOL. 338]
ما أعتذر عن معرفتي. إنني أود أن أقول لك أن الحكمة ليس ملكي، بل هو ملكنا. في هذا السياق، فإن الحكمة هي أداة للتأمل والتفكر. إنها تساعدنا على فهم وتحليل الأشياء المحيطة بنا، وتعزز قدرتنا على اتخاذ قرارات من خلال فهم المواقف والمحالات. من خلال الفهم العميق للحكمة، يمكننا أن نستكمل الخلفيات المعرفية وتعزيز مستويات التفكير والتأمل. هذه القدرة على التفكير العميق تساعدنا في الوصول إلى هدفنا النهائي، أي تحقيق الحكمة الفاعلة. من خلال هذا، يمكننا أن نكون أكثر فعالية في الحياة،有更好的 مستويات من التأقلم والتأمل. هذا للإصرار على أن الحكمة ليست مجرد مصطلح، بل هو أداة قوية يمكننا من خلالها تحقيق تطور واجتماعي وفعال.
السيرة الأثرية

استلهمت هذه السيرة الجميلة أحد العلماء المحدثون في إحدى الجامعات وبدأ في تجليدها وأصلحها:

عليمًا رائعاً فأدرك نعمته المائدة.

قد تبع له شكلان، ذهب بعضهم إليه وكمتلك لشرحها.

وأما حكمه في أثره الشديد، فقد كتب له جميع ما كتب، لبنداتها وآخريها ومثلاتها.

من هنا، مما في ذلك بالشكاوء، ما سأله ووافقه على أمره:

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[A FOL. 48A]
كتاب غرائب الفنون وملح العيون
كتب غزائي الفنون وملح العيون

[1b]

رسالة رزين علمًا

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله الواحد لا خال له، وليامه، وصدقه لا يضاهيه، مُنشئ كل شيء ومبدع ومبدي كل شيء ومعيه، لا تخوذه الأقمار ولا تدرك الأذار، العالم بواقع الأمور المحيط بفيض الصدر، حمد الله، ولا إنتهاء، وصل الله على ﷺ بشره ورحمته، وذرذ عقابه ونقمه، الصفوة الصافية، والقدوة الهادئة، سيدنا محمد المصطفى، وعلي هدوته في أمته من آله وصيغته الأبرار، والخلفاء الآخرين، وسلم وكرم.

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1. A fol. 1b, D fol. 1b, B fol. 109b, C fol. 1b, G fol. 147b, M fol. 2a.

2. A: There are two impressions of an owner's stamp.

3. ﷺ يبن عبد الفطر المزكول على الله الكبير.

Beneath, is an undated signature:

من كتب الفنون الفنون المعرفة، أي كتب رضي الله عنه.

Further down is another undated signature reading:

في نوبة الفنون، يبن عبد الله المداح، ﷺ.

Immediately beneath the title, someone has written:

ولصاحب هذا الكتاب كاب اخر اسمه مهدي.

فما أذكره في ترجمة جزيرة سردينية.

4. D, M, C: omit in M, D, B and C; G: ﷺ.

BP رد في علمًا.

بلا غير يضاهيه.


11. Barely legible word in A verified by M and C; D: ﷺ.

الأخذاء.

12. D adds: ﷺ C adds: ﷺ and then stops and picks up the text again further on (see note 25 below).


14. ﷺ على الرؤية في أمته على المرتفع، وعلى آله الأمة الأخاء، وعلى خلفاء الأبرار.

كت سألتي جعل الله لك اللى كل فضيلة سبباً، وأعد جدك وأفهمك رُشدك في رسم كتاب 19 يشتبث على أحوال السقف المرفوع، والهاد الموضوع يكشف لك ما التبس من معرفتهما، وبين لك عملاً أشكال من حالتهم فانتهيت إلى ما رسمت من ذلك ونظمت ما تحوت 22 من غرضك، وآسأت الله تعالى أن يجعل ذلك حيث وافق اختيارك وورد إثارك 23 إنه ولي ذلك والقدر عليه وقد جعلت 25 كابي هذا المقلب بغرائب الفنون ومثل العيون، مقالات، توالت فصولها وتواسط 27 فنوناً فالمقولة الأولى تشمل على هيئة الفلك الأعلى وصورته وأحواله وكيفيته 30 والبروج الاثنين عشر والكواكب السبع ومنازل القمر وعيوناتها ووجهاتها 32 والكواكب ذوات الدواوين وأفعالها 35 وحالاتها وما يحتاج إلى معرفته منها وحب 31 إلى الوقوف عليه من أجلها.

16 D, M: لائت.
17 D: في.
18 Omitted in B: الجهد الله الواحد بلا حيضارته ... وأفهمك رُشدك في رسم كتاب.
19 B: كتاب.
20 D, B: غورما، M: غورما.
21 M: وبيست، D, B: وبيست.
22 D: ما غون، B: ما غون.
23 D, B: إثارك، B: إثارك.
24 Omitted in C: يشير توته ورحته ونذر عقاشه ... وورد إثارك انا ولي ذلك والقدر عليه.
25 At this point, C picks up the text with: وجعلت، B: وجعلت، أما بعد قد جعلت.
26 D, B, M: في مقالات، C: مقالات، then deviates slightly to read: وفصل نشطن على مطلع البروج again to pick up again two lines later (see nt. 32).
27 D, B, M: تواصل تواصل تواصل تواصل تواصل. The reading has no meaning in this context.
28 G reads: وبعد فهذه نبذه من كتاب غرائب الفنون وملح العيون ويساء ايا بالسقف المرفوع والهاد الموضوع الحمد الله الواحد لا حي ... حمد الله الواحد لا حي ... وقد جعلت كابي هذا المقلب بقرار.
29 D, B, G: المقالة.
30 Omitted in G: واحواله وكيفيه.
31 Omitted in G: الاثنين عشر.
32 Omitted in G: وجهاتها.
33 Omitted in G: وأفعالها.
34 D, B, M: منها إلى الوقوف عليه.
35 Omitted in G: وما يحتاج إلى معرفته منها وحب الوقوف عليه من أجلها.
المقالة الأولى وهي عشرة فصول

الفصل الأول في صورة الفلك وكيفية شكله وكيفيته الفصل الثاني في صور البروج الجنوبيّة والشمالية وأحوالها الفصل الثالث في كتبة الكوكب، الشرقية والخليج الجنوبية الفصل الرابع في معرفة الكوكب الخفية والأفعال [الخليجية الأفعال] وموافقتها في الموايدين، والأشكال الفصل الخامس في صورة ما تقدم ذكره من الكوكب الشمالي والجنوبية الفصل السادس في أحوال ذوات الذوائب وما في طولها من العجائب الفصل السابع في الكوكب الخفية التي في الفلك الناضج وتأثير اتفاقها وأفعالها الفصل الثامن في أحوال الكوكب الحسبانية والبيزنطيّة والشمس والplanting واحتضاتها وتجارتها وتجارتها

36 G adds: ذكر omitted in C.
37 D. omitted in C. G adds: ونقارها وجزائرها.
38 D, B, M, C, G: أقواطها [أقواطها] C (fol. Ib) stops at this point in the preface.
39 Omitted in D, B, G.
40 B, M add: والمقالة الثالثة في صور الحرم وأحوالها والمحور منها والذوائب في خلقها وتمامهما في الفلك. والمقالة الرابعة في ذكر الوقائل والجزائم والمعارك من أعضاها وإسائها والإفعال وما ورد عن العرب من ذلك نظرا وثرياً مع ذكر دولتها. والمقالة الخامسة في ذكر الصيد والقصص وما جاء في الأثر فيما من الرخص والمحور، ويدلي بهما من تأصيل ذلك ووكل عليه من الرؤساء الملوكو والأندلاء عليهم الصلاة والسلام ويشير إلى ذلك من الأدب والفلسفة. والمقالة الرابعة في ذكر الوقائل والجزائم والمعارك من أعضاها وإسائها والإفعال وما ورد عن العرب من ذلك نظرا وثرياً مع ذكر دولتها. والمقالة الخامسة في ذكر الصيد والقصص وما جاء في الأثر فيما من الرخص والمحور، ويدلي بهما من تأصيل ذلك ووكل عليه من الرؤساء الملوكو والأندلاء عليهم الصلاة والسلام ويشير إلى ذلك من الأدب والفلسفة.
41 Omitted in B.
42 D, M, B: الحبيبة الأفعال.
43 D: حال.

تمت فصول المقالة الأولى والله الحمد والمنة.

يتلوه صورة الفلك المحيط وكيفية الضمام جميع الموجودات وكأنه

[see fig. 1.1 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]49

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44 D, B: تَأييدها. This is also the form that appears in the text of the fourth chapter.

45 D, M add: في.

46 M adds: والله الموفق للصواب.

47 D, B, M add: والله الموفق للصواب.

48 This is a later addition to A only, inscribed by an owner; the last line is written vertically in two columns to the left of the other three lines.

49 The diagram is omitted in all other copies. D (fols. 3b2–4a12), B (fols. 110b14–111a24), and M (fols. 3a12–4a13) contain a verbatim copy of most of the text outside the main diagram, but are lacking the diagram itself and the internal labels; C omits the diagram but has (fols. 1b2–2a3) one of the quotations from al-Farghānī given in the surrounding text.

50 Labels for nos. 001 through 085 are omitted in D, B, M, C.
Fig. 1.1. Opening diagram of Book One, a circular diagram of the skies. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. ab–ga.
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الناعم
البلدة
الدجاج
ذات الكف
حامل رأس
مسك العنان
مسك الحياة
الغول
العقاب
الدلنين
المكتب
رأس الغول
العوق
الحوا
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السرعان
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الحوت
[51] The word asad has been overwritten.
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62 The word al-mashriq has been overprinted in black ink and larger script.

63 D, B: A reading of these variants reflects the lack of diagram in those copies.

64 B, M: these variants reflect the lack of diagram in those copies.

65 A: these variants reflect the lack of diagram in those copies.

66 D, B, M: these variants reflect the lack of diagram in those copies.

67 Completed by D and B.

68 A: these variants reflect the lack of diagram in those copies.

69 D, B, M: these variants reflect the lack of diagram in those copies.

70 In C: ميلاً is omitted. In A only, in the margins a later reader tried to confirm the figures given in the text for calculating the circumference of the largest sphere. To do this the reader first wrote the number 410,818,570 (at the top of the calculation to the lower left), then multiplied by 7 (getting a product of 2,875,729,990) and began division by 22. The reader then repeated at the upper right the division by 22 in a more complete form, arriving at the figure 130,714,999 which in the text is rounded off to 130,715,000. Yet another reader wrote (incorrectly) the figure 130,700,085 above the statement that the diameter of the largest sphere is 130,715,000.
فجميع الكواكب التي قدر على معرفتها ألف واثنان وعشرين كوكبًا منها في صور البروج مائتان واحد وتسعم كوكبًا في الشمالي والجنوبي ستانين واحد وستين كوكبًا [ البابا بابا ومحبة | والحفنة ودوان الدوايب وأرباب الحوادث والغيارات. والله أعلم بغيبه وما خلق وهو العزيز الحكيم] 71 {= إنهء} وذكر الفرغاني في كتاب الفصول أن مساحة كل قطر {= درجة}72 من الفلك الأعظم ألف ألف ومائة ألف ومائة ألف ومائتي وتسعم {= ميلاً} 73.

71 These two lines are omitted from D, B, M in their entirety.
72 D, B, M: [الإثرة]
73 D, B, M: {= وساعون} Farghānī 1998, 756.
74 D: {= ثلاثة}
75 D, M: كوكب
76 D: الشرق
77 D, M: {=}
78 M, D: {= درج}
79 D: {=}
80 D, M: {= علة}
81 D, M: {= ط
فمما ذكرته العلماء من علبه وهيئة ملخصًا إن شاء الله تعالى •
إن في علم الفلك وحالاته في دورته وحركاته علم يعجز عنه المخلوقين في تحقيق كفاهته وصحة كليه إذ كان العلماء الأغلب الأشياء استثارت غيبه وترفق بخفي مشيته عن خلقه إلا من اصطفاهم من كنيائه واجتاه من أصفيته شخص (بهم) من 5 يشته منهم بما شاء من علمه.
فيقال: "وانتظروا الكعبة المشرفة في السقف المرفوع على المهاد الموضوع مع استباق حركاتها في مجرى أفلحاً بتقدير الحكيم الخيري. لفترة في ذلك الباحث ويعتبر التأكد في قدرة من جعل في السماء بروجا وجعل فيها مراجا وفقرًا مثيراً ويفتر ون في خلق السماوات والأرض ربما خلق هذا الباطل سبحانك ففتنا عذاب النار."

وقد شرحها من معرفة ذلك وقصصه من علبه بحسب ما نطقه بالفلاسة العظيمة.

ومن نجد من السادة العلماء كعفر بن محمد البلخي وعبيد بن هريرة الفرازي [الفرازي] 10
و خالد بن عبد الملك المرور وعبيد بن موسى الخوارزمي وسندي بن علي وحسن ابن

1 Opening Bسم الله الرحمن الرحيم وبه توفيقي omitted in D, B, M, and C.
2 M fol. 4a2b, D fol. 4a2b, B fol. 1a3a, C fol. 2a9.
3 Omitted in D, M, and B.
4 D: إن شاء الله تعالى
5 D: ما من حكيم
6 D: مثقل
7 M: استياء
8 D: بتقدير الفراعنة
9 D: ينبع
10 D: الفرازي
11 D: الخوارزمي
عبد الله وحسن بن مصبح [صباح 13] وبي نوخز وغيرهم نقلاً أو ردها كما ذكره
وياً لما شرحوا والله التوفيق وأيام أسل إدراك التحقق.

زعم القوم بأنهم أن الفلك يجري مستدير 15 يحتوي على ما اشتيل عليه في الحضور على
الأرض ذوات ذات الطول والعرض والصحة في وسطه كالنقطة من الدائرة
تحيط بها الأفلاك الدائرة الضاد لها الفلك الأعظم ومداره من المشرق إلى المغرب على
قطبين مختلفين جنوب وشمال تدور عليهما بحركة طبيعية [20] بمشيئة بارية [باري
ومباعة [ومباعة] ومنشئة] 18

وأعظم دائرة فيه منطقة البروج ثم دائرة العرض ومبدأ العدد منها من الدائرة العظمى
ثم دائرة مركز الأرض وهو حِقّي الفلك وتسوى دائرة الميل وهي تقطع منطقة الفلك
الأعظم على نقطتين متوازتين تسمى إحداهما نقطة الاعتداد الخريفي والأخرى نقطة
الاعتداد الربيعي، ثم داخل الفلك الأعظم فلك البروج وفي مركز فلك البروج
خلاف شنّهم من قال إنه مركز الأرض بعينه ومنهم من قال إنه خارج عنه ومنتقلاً في
القرب منه.

ومعرفة كبيرة [كَيَفِيْ] 19 خروجه وارتفاعه وانعطفه واقباله وادياره أنه من أجل
خطأ من مركز الأرض يمارس جانب دائرة الميل من جهة المشرق كان بينه وبين نقطة
الاعتدال الربيعي مقدار ثمانى درج في جهة الشمال ومثل اخرج خطأ آخر يمارس جانبها
في جهة المغرب وانتهى إلى دائرة الميل كان بينها وبين نقطة الاعتدال الربيعي متأخر
عنهم ثمانى درج.

وان الأرض من الفلك كاملاً [من البيضة] 21 وافلاك بعيدة بها وبياس كرة الأرض
جسم الهواء وهو متخليق متقى الداخل مقبّل الحار و.reflect تصفح الأرض.

12 A: بحش الله عبد الله
13 D, M, C: عبد الله بن مباح
14 D: أسل إدراك التحقق
15 D, M: مستدير
16 D: ذات
17 D, M: طبيعية دائرة
18 D, M: مشيئة بارية ومباعة ومنشئة
19 D, M: كبيرة
20 D: مما خلّ من五行
21 D, M: كاملاً من البيضة.
ثم ينزلو فلك القمر مطيَّق على جسم الهواء وداخله أيضاً مقعيراً يسمى لتقيب الهواء.

وطبيعته باردة رطبة.

ثم ينزلو فلك عطارد وطبيعته (الرياح) وهو على المسأله المتقدم من التقير.

ثم ينزلو فلك الزهرة وطبيعتها بارد رطب لوقوه (له قوة) على الأندية.

ثم ينزلو فلك الشمس وهو فلك الضياء والثور والحناء والبعض داخل تحت الاعتدال.

ثم ينزلو فلك المرح وطبيعته النار خارج عن الاعتدال.

ثم ينزلو فلك المشتري وهو حار رطب طبيعته الحياة والنسم.

ثم ينزلو فلك زحل وهو بارد بابس زمهريري خارج عن الاعتدال.

ثم ينزلو فلك البروج وهو مختلف الطيور والأجزاء مقسم بثلاثة وستين جزءاً مساحة كل جزء منها على ما ذكره الفراغي في كتاب القصور ألف ألف ميل ومائة ألف ميل ومائة وستون ميلاً.

ثم قسمت هذه الدرج على إثنتي عشرة برجم لكل برجم منها ثلاثون درجة وهي المسافة بالثور والجوار والسوط والسنان والأسد والسنا والبرج.

والعقب والقوس والجدود والدلو والحوت.

والبدايتها منها من برج الحمل لأنه الرأس الأول لا تبدل منه من معدل المنهر إلى الشتاء.

ثم ينزلو برج برج إلى مبتدأ النصف الثاني وهو من الميزان وله مبدأ الذهب إلى الجنوب ثم ينقيس الفلك بصفين حار وبارد فلاح مبتدأ على الحبل إلى آخر السُبُلْة والبارد من أول الميزان وإلى آخر الحول، وأفعال الكواكب العلوية في البروج الشماليَّة أقوى من أفعالها في البروج الجنوبية.

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22 Omitted in D, M, C.
23 M: أفتحت
D: رفت
24 D, M: الهواء
25 D, M: وطبيعته الريح
26 M, D: الله قوة على الأندية
27 M, D: الحياة
28 Omitted in D.
29 D: ألف ميل
30 D, M: ميدان
وجعل الفلك قسمان مختلفين 31 فقسم أعظم وقسم أصغر فالقسم الأعظم من السرطان إلى الجدي والقسم الأصغر من الجدي إلى السرطان.
ثم جعل أرباعاً فلريع الأول من الحمل إلى السرطان ويسى الطفيلي والشيوبي والحار والبارد [الربط الطبيعي = الربيعي] والريع الثاني من السرطان إلى الميزان ويسى الشباني والحار اليابس والريع الثالث من الميزان إلى الجدي ويسى الأكرهالي وسماها النقص والبارد اليابس الخريفي السوداوي ثم 33 الريع الرابع من الجدي إلى الحمل ويسى الهدمي والشيوبي والفاني وهو الشتاوي.
وجعلت هذه البروج نويعين فستقيمة في الطعوم ومعوجة في الطعوم وفماروعة تعوّج الأشياء وتفسدها وهي من أول الجدي إلى آخر الجو زاء وهي مطوعة للرروح المستقيمة والمستقيمة من البروج تسهل الأشياء وتفرّبها 34 وتأمر المعوجة وهي من أول السرطان إلى آخر الجدي [القوس]
ثم جعلت هذه البروج على أربع طبع طبيعي وطبيعة رياحية ومعوجة وفما화ية فالنارية منها.
الحمل والأسد والقوس والنذائية 36 [الثوبية] الزعفران والسبيل والجدي والرياحي.
الجذار والميزان والدلو والمائية 37 السرطان والعقرب والحوت.
ثم قسمت هذه البروج على ثلاثة طبقات في أفعالها فبينها ثابت لنمط الزمان في على طبيعة واحدة وعينها رو جسدان لا متراز فيهما من طبيعتين وعينها متقلب لانقلاب الزمان فيها من نوع إلى نوع فتنقلها الحلم والسهر والسماح والميزان والجدي.
وثوابتها فالثور والأسد والعقرب والدلو ومهداتها 40 فالجذار والسماح والقوس والحوت.

31 D, M: قسمين مختلفين
32 D, M: الطفيلي والشيوبي والحار الرطب الربيعي
33 Omitted in D, M: ثم.
34 D, M: وتنقلها
35 D, M: السرطان إلى آخر.
36 D, M: الثوبية منها
37 D: والرياحي منها.
38 D: والماية منها.
39 Omitted in A: والجددي.
40 D, M, C: ومجيداتها.
A: مجبداتها بعين ذو جسدان: مجبداتها.
ثم جعل للثير الأعظم ولاية في هذه البروج على النصف 44 منها كولاية الكوكب في صدودها 45 حددوها 42 فولى الشمس من أول الاستو لآخر الجدي ستة بروج وهو 44 النصف الأكبر من منطقة البروج وجعل للقمر ولاية كولاية الشمس على النصف الآخر وهو من أول الدلو لآخر السرطان وهو النصف الأصغر والفلك يدور في كل يوم وليلة 46 دورة واحدة ويدير معه سائر الأفلاك إلى تحتها بما فيها من الحلق والكوكب وهي ثمانية أفلاك الأولى منها يسمى الأعلى وهو فلك الكوكب الثانية التي ترى في السماء ثم الأفلاك السبعة للكواكب السيارة وجميع ما أحيط بعلاوه من الكواكب الخوف [ الكوكب الخوف 47 ألف أثنتين وعشرين كوبا ثانية فيه 48 غير متحركة كثيرة المسامير في الدو لا ب ومقدار تلك الكواكب الثانية التي في الفلك الثامن من الأرض بعده 49 تسعة عشر ألف فرسخ وسبعون فرسخًا والذي في الشمس من هذه الكواكب في العظم خمسة عشر كوبا ومقدار ما يحيط بكل كوكب منها سبعة 50 عشر الف فرسخ وثمانية وخمسة وخمسون فرسخًا وقطر فلك [ الفلك 52 الأعلى على ما ذكره الفرغاني في كتاب الفصول في الفصل الحادي والعشرين منها مائة ألف ألف وثلاثين ألف ألف وسبعة عشر ألف ميل وإذا ضرب ذلك في ثلث سبع كان المضروب دور الفلك الأعظم ويكون ذلك أربع أو أربعين ألف ألف وعشرين ألف ألف وثمانية عشر ألفا وخمسين ألفا و
وسعين ميلاً فأما مساحة كل درج فلكيه [= درجة فلكية] 54 فتألف ألف ومائة ألف ومائة وستون ميلاً.
وزعم أن الفلك الذي جمعته وجماعه الكدانوين [الكدانيون] 55 أطول درج إقبال ودرج إيدار وانه متي富含活動 (و واحد) و Attribute (و واحد) و مدينة على خط الاستواء من أكبر مداين الهند وأجلها قدرها وعرضها عن خط الاستواء تأتي ناحية الشمالي ثلاث درج وهي مدينة.

الحكمة ومقر علماء الهند وكان رصد هود للكواكب بهذه المدينة قبل المبعث أول بعثة سنة 66 هـ وحرص واجتهذ في تقدير أن يصل إلى الملك الهند، نابطة 67 أمر علمائه أن يقوموا الكواكب ويعولوا أتواسطها وكريدهاتهم 68 فما وجد منهم موقناً لما ورثه من علم آبائه في رصدهم وموافقة لعلم الملك هود 69 انها وجعلوها على نصب سنة البراهمة 70 وأمر أن يجعل ما يقوم منها في كل وقت أرض لرجع يوم وكتب بإله الدهب على ألواح العاج وكان عمر نابطة 71 مائة وثلاثة عشر سنة يرصد منها الكواكب منذ نشأ مغفل 72 بها فكر مستعين في ذلك بعداء عصره إلى ان قدم عليه وقد مضى من عمره أكثر عام 73 حكم من اقتصاد بلده 74 فلم يعتر في نابلية 75 وعساو وعيسا 76 وكان تأثرا مطلقاً معهم 77 وكريدهاتهم 78 وكريدهاتهم 79 وكان تأثرا مطلقاً معهم 80 وكريدهاتهم 81 وكريدهاتهم 82 وكريدهاتهم 83 كيف قبلها نابطة 84 فرأى من صحتها وأنها موقننا لما نظموا واجتهذوا فيه فتقرر روا في دار حكمته وجعلها سنة 85 يقتدي بها في مملكته

66 M: رصد هود
67 D: بأعماله
68 D: فيها وبلغ
69 D, M add: والله التوفيق
70 D, M, C: رابطة
71 D, M: يعساو وعيسا
72 D: وكريدهاتهم
73 A: هود
74 D, B, M: وجعلوها على نصب سنة البراهمة: C: على نصب سنة البراهمة: at this point the text of MS C deviates completely from that of A (MS Arab. c. 90).
75 D: رابطة
76 D, B, M: مسيوف
77 D: وكان عام
78 D, M: بلاده
79 D, B, M: يسلايط
80 D, B: فضالة رحال
81 D: وكريدهاتهم
82 D, B, M: وكريدهاتهم
83 D, M: أطفا
84 D, M: سنة ستة
85 D, M: رابطة لما
ولم تزل الفلسفة بمدينة قنوج. 

د: ثم يفتح د. م. م: تفتح د. م.

86 D: فتح. 87 M: فتح درجات.
88 D, M: الصحن.
89 Omitted in D:
90 Omitted in D, M:
91 D, M: بهما.
92 Omitted in D:
93 D: في بيت الصنم الكبير.
94 D, M: لهم.
95 Omitted in D:
96 D, M: بعضها بعضًا. 97 Omitted in D.
98 D: لحطب، م: لحطب.
99 D, M: لداته.
100 D: ينظر في غرفة قنوج لهم. 101 M: نظر في غرفة قنوج لهم.
102 D: حالة، M: تغلب.
103 D: بعضها بعضًا.
فأما حال اختصاص كل برج منها بكوكب فسندوه 97 على حقيقة القول بما حكنته
العلماء المتقدّمون فأنهم قلوا أن النّيّر الأعظم خصه الإسلام 98 برج الأسد وخص
القمر برج السربان.
كل برج منها ملازم لصاحبه المختص به من الكواكب وأنه 99 جل وعز خلق من
الشمس والقمر الكواكب فحرب = فتحرة [لون الشمس وضعاؤها وترجعت
متباعدة عنها لشدة نورها ، فامتدّت أورارها [أوّارها 100 من بيوت النيرين 101 إلى
حيث استقرّ كل كوكب في متنها رجوعه فكان وتر زحل مائي وعشر درج فاتته من
برج الأسد إلى برج السربان الذي هو برج الدّلو فاستقر هناك فصار بيتاً وإذا أعددت
هذه الدّرج من برج السربان [معقوساً 102 ينثاهي السّابع أيضا برج الجدي بمقدار
الدرج فصار أيضاً بيت زحل وخصوصاً به.
ثم كان وتر المشتري مائة وخمسون درجة فإذا أعددت من الأسد بمقدار خمس
برج التي درجها مائة وخمسون وجدت برج السربان حصل بيت المشتري وإذا أعددت
معقوساً من برج السربان خمس برج فقّلت سربان وجوزة وثور وحمل وحوت
وصلت الدرج الخامس فاختص المشتري
وكان وتر المرج مائة وعشرين درجة لأربع برج فاذا أعددت من الأسد 103 مستقيماً
وجدت الربع برج العقرب فصار بيت المرج وإذا أعددت [منه] 104 معقوساً من برج
السربان وجدت برج الحمل فصار بيت المرج أيضاً وخصوصاً به وكان وتر الزهرة تسعود
درا به وهو [ثلاثة 105 برج فاذا أعددت من الأسد بيت الشمس على الاستواء وصل

97 In A, fol. 5a, at the end of line 8 there is the marginal notation مطلب [طيف
98 D: لله جل وعز ولله عز وجل
99 M: فانه
100 D, M: أوّارها
101 D: الدُّن
102 D, M: معقوساً، omitted in A.
103 D, M: عددت هذه وجدتها خمس
104 D: من برج الأسد
105 D, M: منه omitted in A.
106 M: ثلاثة; D: ثلاثة; omitted in A.
107 D, M: واصل
العدد من ثلثة برج إلى برج الميزان فصار بتبت الزهرة وإذا عدلت من برج السرطان بيت القمر مكوسًا وصل القمر [العدد] إلى برج الثور فصار أيضًا بيت الزهرة.

وكان وتر عطارد ثلاثون درجة وهو برج واحد فإذا عددته من برج الأسد كان ثانياً وهو برج السبيله فصار بيت العطارد وإذا عدلت من برج السرطان مكوسًا وجدت برج الجوزة فصار أيضًا بعطارد مكوسًا به ولا يجوز ذلك تحققت الكؤكاب بهذه البروج على مقادير بلوغ أو نارها وقت خيزة [الخرى] تحققت نظرًا من نور الشمس وقد مثلت أيضًا الفلاسفة لهذه الكؤكاب مثالًا لطيفًا فقالوا إن النجوم هي الشماغة تهبطي نور الشمس كالمملكة ولا بد لكل ملك من وتر يرجع إلى رآه أن الشمس تخذل عطارد ويزرع منها في رأيها الثاني واخذ القمر عطارد ويزرع من بينه الثاني المكوس حصل عطارد من جاني النبرين له بعين ثم قالوا لا بد للملك من رأي نوره فاختت الشمس من ثلاثة بالزهرة واختص القمر من ثلاثة مكوسًا بالزهرة، ثم قالوا لا بد للملك من صاحب سيف يقوم به الرأس فاختت الشمس من رأي بينه معكوسة بالزرقاء بيت المريج، ثم قالوا لا بد للملك من قاعدي يحكم في رعيته فاختت الشمس من جانب [خامس] بيت القوس مكوسًا بيت المريج.

108 D, M: لئت.
109 D: ميتال.
110 D, M: العدد.
111 D, M: ميتال.
112 D: كان بينه وهو برج; M: كان بينه برج.
113 D: ميتال.
114 D: مكوس.
115 D, M: لت له.
116 omitted in D, M.
117 M: رآي وان.
118 D: M: تم.
119 D: M: تم.
120 D: M: مكوس بالمرج وهو برج الحمل.
121 D, M: خامس.
122 D, M: خامس.
123 D, M: خامس.
واختص القمر من بيته معكوسة بالخمس برج
الحوت فصار أيضاً بيت المشتري،
ثم قالوا فيما بعد للملك من صاحب زرع وفلاحة وعمارة فاختصت الشمس من سادسها
بُرج الجدي فصار لِزحل واختص القمر من سادسه معكوسة بالدلو فصار أيضاً لِزحل
والله أعلم

صفة أُوُتر الكوكب المحسّرة واختصاصها بالبروج الاثنين عشر

[see fig. 1.2 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

وتر زحل من برج النور برج الأسد مائي وعشر درج يكون موقع اخره على
الاستقامة برج الدلو ولذلك [اخر] تص بهذا الربع دون غيره من الربع
وتر المشتري على الاستقامة يقع في الحمام من برج الأسد وذلك مائة وخمسون
درجة في خطيّة [صر القوس ولذلك صار بيه]

وتر المريخ على الاستقامة من برج الأسد يقع في الربيع وهو برج العقرب وطول
الوتر مائة وعشرون درجة ولذلك صار بيه

وتر الزهرة مستقيماً من الأسد الى الميزان الثلاث وسادسه والثاني وذلك منهى الوتر وهو تسعون
درجة ولذلك صار بيه

وتر عطارد مستقيماً يقع في الثاني وسادسه من الزهرة وطوله ستون درجة
وتر زحل معكوسة الى ورائه مائي عشر درج فيحصل موضع اجزاء الوتر برج
الجدي ولذلك اختص به دون غيره فهذين البينين اختصهما زحل
وتر المشتري معكوسة من برج السرطان يحصل في الحمام الذي هو برج الحوت
وذلك طول الوتر وهو مائة وخمسون درجة ولا جد ذلك صار بيه
وتر المريخ معكوسة من برج السرطان الى خلف يقع في الربيع وهو الحمل ولم يلك
اذا صار بيه لانتهاء الوتر عليه وطوله مائة وعشرون درجة

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124: D: وهو برج. M: بُرج
125: D: omited in D.
126: D, M: اختصاصهما
127: D adds: صفات أُوُتر الكوكب المحسّرة [؟] M adds: مواقع الأُوُتر وهذه صفة السماة
128: M: مواقع الأُوُتر وهذه صفة السماة |

Labels for nos. oon through on are omitted in D, B, M.
Fig. 1.2. Closing diagram of Chapter One, Book One: “Depiction of the arcs of the ‘erratic’ planets and their associations with the twelve signs of the zodiac”. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 5b.

وتر الزهرة مكسوًا من برج السرطان يقع في الثالث برج الثور وذلك لانتهاء

الوتر وطوله تسعون درجة

وتر عطارد مكسو من برج السرطان يقع في الثاني من برج الجوزاء لانتهاء

الوتر وطوله ستون درجة

واقع الأوتار

السخاء [016] 
السرطان [017] 
المدئ [018] 
الفقر [019] 
العقب [020] 
الثور [015]
زحل [028] الميزان [021]
طارد [029] السبأ [022]
زهرة [030] الأسد [023]
المريخ [031] عطارد [024]
المشتي [032] الزهرة [025]
زحل [033] المريخ [026]
}} [الفصل الثاني] [034] المشتري [027]
الفصل الثاني في معرفة أحوال البروج

واعتنقها فإنها: الحمل واسمه بالرومية قريس وصورته صورة حلم ملتوى العنق مائل الخضم، إلى ناحية الثرى إلى ورائه واضعا: داسه على ظهره مستقبل برأسه قطب الشمائي ويديه يدي سرس يريد أن يشب، ورجله رجل يرس وذنه ذنب سرس، وهو بيت المريح وشرف الشمس في تسعة عشر درجة: ووابالزهرة وله من الحدود للبصرين خمسة مشتري، الزهرة وعطارد والمريح وزحل ولله ثلاثة وجه الأول منها للمريح ثم الشمس زحل، وله ثلاثة مثلثات الشمس والمشتري وزحل وثلاث دراجات: زحل والمريح والشم وثلث دراجات دراجات = ادراجات القمر وعطارد والزهرة وله تسعة نوبهات، وله من أعضاء الإنسان الوجه، الرأس وما يحدث فيه هو انتهى.

يأتي من المدن بابل وفارس وآذربيجان، وفلسطين وجزيرة قبرس وساحل بحر آسيا الصغرى وارض الصقالبة وخلاط الموصل: وله من الدرجات المساعدة ذات السعادة الباشلة الدرجة التاسعة عشر ومن الدرجات الثنية الرابعة والخمسة

1 A fol. 6a, D fol. 12b, B fol. 116b, M fol. 144b, C fol. 2b.
2 D, M add: برج.
3 D, M; B: قريس.
4 D, M; omitted C.
5 M, C: وضع.
6 M, C: يذهب.
7 M omits: وذنه ذنب فرس.
9 C: درجات المشتري ووالزهرة وعطارد والمريح وزحل.
10 D: الصفك والثاني للشم والثالث للزهرة.
11 M, D: ادريجات بلغت ادنى دراجات: وله ثلاث دراجات.
12 M, D; omitted in C.
13 M, D: ادريجات; omitted in C.
14 M, D: دراء.
15 M, D add: وله ثلاث مئات الشمس.
16 M: وادريجات.
17 C omits: ولاخلط الموصل.
18 A repeats: بالنهاة.
ومن الدراجات المنظمة الأولى والثامنة ومن الدراجات الأثاث الثانية والسبعة ومن الدراجات الممزقة بالآبار السادسة والحادية عشر والسبعة عشر والثالثة عشر وعشرون والسبعة عشر والثامنة وعشرون وطيته تاري شرقي نهاري ذكر مقترب حار ياسب ذو مرة صفراء وه من المنازل الشرتين والبطين وثلاث الثريا وهو زائد النهار على ساعات الاستواء 20 نافض المثال الذي على من الألوان الأصفر ومن الطعوم الحارة وهو يغص السبلا واللحب والحرب ويجيب من الشوق والتساءل من الفرح ومن الأحوال الديان ومن الأزمنة الربع وهو موعود الطالع ذو نصف صوت وطالعه عشرة درجة وهو حار في أفق المشرق يوافق الشمس والمريخ وحلفهما في المغرب وفيه من الكوكب ثلاثية عشر كوكبا اثنين في قره وكوكب على عنته وكوكب على ظهره وكوكبين في قره وثلثة على ألبته وكوكب خلف قده وكوكب فوق وسطه وكوكب على ظهره وكوكبين تحت بطنه] 29 ومن الكوكب البالانتي كوكب نير يطبع في ثلث درج منه وسبع دقائق عرضة خلال عشر شاليه لشرف الأول ومراجه الزهرة والمشردي برج النور واسمه بالرومية طورس وبالفارسية كابوس وصورة حليه صورة ثور منكوسة الحلفية [في قريه في موخر داخليتين إلى الجزء إلى ناحية الجنوب تازل [بارك] 33

19 M, D; last two words in reverse order; C omits
20 C omits: وهو زائد النهار على ساعات الاستواء
21 A repeats: ويجب
22 C omits: ومن الطعوم ... الكبت
23 D, C: الملموس الأحمر
24 M, D: الامعال
25 C omits: وهو موعود الطالع ... في المغرب
26 M, D, and C add (incorrectly): البالانتية
27 M, D: وكوكب
28 M, D, C omits: وكوكب على ظهره
29 Missing words completed by M, D and C.
30 C omits: ومن الكوكب البالانتي ... والمشردي
31 M marginal annotation: بيان قريه: C in text: بيان قريه
32 M, D, C: داخلان
33 M, D and C: بارك
يريد النهوش مغيب الرجلين إلى ناحية الجنوب، وإحدى اذنيه إلى ناحية الشمال والأخرى إلى الجنوب. وهو بيض الزهرا وشرف القمر في ثلاث درج وويبال المريح، وله خمس حدود الزهرا وعطارد والمشتري وزحل والمريح. وثلاثة وجوه عطارد والقمر وزحل وثلاث مثبتات الزهرا القمر والمريح وثلاثة ادلجات زحل والقمر وعطارد وثلاثة ادلجات القمر، وعطارد والزهرة، وتسع نوعات والمراحل ومن الأصوار السؤاد والمهامان، وهمادان والأكراد وإصبهان ومن الأقاصي من البلاد مقدة، وجزيرة قبرص وساحل مصر الصغرى، وأرمينيا الصغرى، وفيه من الكواكب النيرة [من الدرج الزائدة في السعائد] ثمانية عشر والسابعة والعشرون، ومن الدرجات النيرة ثمانية عشر والسابعة والعشانة ومن الدرج الأجسام.[6b]

**الزهرا** ح: 7

**و** هو، **وبيض** وعُوّبال **المريح**.

**و** له، **خمس** **حدود** الزهرا وعطارد والمشتري وزحل والمريح.

**و** ثلاثات **مثبتات** الزهرا القمر والمريح.

**و** ثلاثات ادلجات زحل المريح.

**و** عطارد والزهرة، وتسع نوعات والمراحل.

**و** من الأصوار السؤاد والمهامان، وهمادان والأكراد وإصبهان ومن الأقاصي من البلاد مقدة، وجزيرة قبرص وساحل مصر الصغرى، وأرمينيا الصغرى، وفيه من الكواكب النيرة [من الدرج الزائدة في السعائد] ثمانية عشر والسابعة والعشرون.

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34 C: 8

35 M: 6

36 D, M: ادلجات omitted in C.

37 D, M: ادلجات omitted in C.

38 D adds: القمر:

39 D: الأجسام

40 D, C: has also سواد المهن: see Birüni 1934, 220 sect. 365.

41 Reading confirmed by D, M; C omits: ونبرة المريان.

42 M, D and C: ونبرة المريان.

43 M, D, C: الدرج:

44 C: النيرة

45 M, D adds: درجة

46 C omits: النيرة

47 M, D: المريان

48 M, D: ليئة

49 Missing word completed by M, D and C.

50 M, D, C: وللاصة والعشرون والسبعة والعشرون والسبعة والعشرون.

51 M, D, C omits: ونبرة المريان.

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برج الجوزة واسمها الفارسية دينكي وبارومية ديدميس[66] وهو بيت عطر دشرف الرأس في ثلث درج منه وهبوط[68] الذنب في ثلث درج منه[66] ووال المشترى وهو

[52] M, D, C: وهو من
[53] C: وهو الدبان وهو مقدم الجبار.
[55] A: بره الباث (D fully dotted); M: لوه الباث omitted in C. No particular plant is named, and it is likely a word is missing.
[56] D, B: مرة سوداء ومن الألون الساواي والألوان أوان السياوية C: omit B: مرة سوداء ومن الألون الساواي والألوان أوان السياوية.
[57] C omits B: ونجم من البروج... صدرها.
[58] D: ومن اللباس المشهرة C omits D: المشهرة.
[60] C: ذئب وعشرين
[65] D: يوافق.
[67] D: بدأ ممس B: بدأ ممس.
[68] D: ووهوبته.
معوج الطلوع حار في الأفق الشرقي ياسب في الأفق الغربي بارد رطب دموي ذكر
هوائي ذو جسدين ربعي زائد النهار مطلعته۷۰ كله يدي ذو صوت
وله خمس حدود عطارد والمشتري والزهرة والريح وزحل وله: 
ثلث وجه المشتري والمريخ والشمس وثلث مثلثات زحل وعطارد والمشتري وثلث درجات
= ادريجات۷۳ عطارد والزهرة وزحل وثلث ادريجات الشمس والمريخ والمشتري
وتسعى نهرات۷۴
وفي من المنازل القمرية ثلاث الهقعة والهنعة والدراع وله من الجسد المنكن
والعديدان۷۵ والبدان وله من البلدان۷۶ الارمنية وإرجنان وإدريجان۷۷ وعشر وتوقات
مروف[۷۹ ووالدبلوم وحيان = حيالان۸۰ وتمريستان وناحي اصحابه وكرمان ۸۱
وفي من الكواكب الثابتة۸۲ عين العنز ومنكب الجبار و[العشرة] اليانية۸۳ ومحداف
السفينة وربج الجوزاء وسورة الجزاء۸۴ والعقوب وسهيل
وفي من الدرج الزائدة في السعاده درجة واحدة وهي الحادية عشر ومن الدرج
الثانية ثلاث الرابعة والخامسة والمظلمة الأولة۸۵ ومن الظلمة۸۶ درجة۸۷

۷۰ D, M, C: مطلعته.
۷۱ C: وله خمس حدود. D: وله خمس حدود عطارد ومشتري وجراح وزهرة وريح وزحل.
۷۲ M, D: ادريجات.
۷۳ M, D: ادريجات.
۷۴ M, D: اولها عطارد.
۷۵ M, D: كله يدي ذو صوت.
۷۷ M: من جسد الإنسان المنكن والصدغان.
۷۸ D: البلدان.
۷۹ A: CORRECTED BY D, M AND BIRUNI 1934, 220 (NO. 365); OMITTED IN C.
۸۰ M, D: حيالان. BIRUNI 1934, 220; OMITTED IN C.
۸۱ M, D: وكرمان.
۸۳ C: الاشترية.
۸۴ M: وم سورة الجزاء.
۸۵ C: ومن الدرج المظلمة واحدة وهي.
۸۶ M, D: ومن الظلمة درجة واحدة وهي.
۸۷ M, D: وال삼عة.
۸۸ M, D: ومن الظلمة.
۸۹ M, D: ومن الظلمة.
السماة ومن المذكرة إثنتان الأولي والرابعة ومن المؤثبتة إثنتان الثالثة والخامسة ومن المضرة بالإبل إثنتي الثانية والحادية عشر والسادسة والعشرين والثلاثون وهو برج ذكر نهاري طويل ورطب هوائي ومذاقه حلوة وفي آخره يطول النهار ويضح صاحبه من الألوان الأخضر ويكون طبيعته إلى المرة الصفراء.

ويغش من البروج العقرب والجدي والثور ويضح الميزان والدلو وله من السفينة الجناح ومن الأيام الأربعة ومن الدواب الشهب ومن الجواهر الياقوت ومن اللباس الأبيض ومن الأفعال الضحك.

ويطلع فيه الكوكب اللبانية كف الخضيب في أول جزء منه وعرضه جنوبي وكف الجذوماء في سبعة عشر درجة منه وعرضه جنوبي وكوكب آخر في ستة وثلاثون دقيقة عرض شمالي وكوكب يقال له الكتب يطلع في إحدى عشرين منته وثلاثين دقيقة عرض شمالي وكوكب يقال له الكتب يطلع في أخذ وعشرين منه وثلاثين دقيقة عرض جنوبي وكوكب يمسى برون يطلع في سبعة

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80 C omits: ومن الفحمة درجة هي السابعة.
81 C: ومن الفحمة.
82 M, D: ومن المؤثبتة إثنتان الثالثة والخامسة.
83 C: ومن المذكرة إثنتي الثانية والعشرين.
84 C omits: غربي دموي رطب وهوائي.
85 M: ومن البروج . . . الجناح.
86 M: بسم.
87 M, D, C: يطلع.
88 C omits: أيضا.
89 M, D add: عرض جنوبي.
90 C: م.
91 C omits: وثلاثون دقيقة عرض شمالي.
92 C adds: درجة.
93 M, C: جنوبي.
94 A repeats: يطلع.
95 M, D add: درجة.
96 C omits: وكوكب يمسى برون.
97 M, D and C: برًون.
98 M: أيام.
99 C omits: يطلع.
100 C omits: بسم.
101 C omits: وثلاثون دقيقة عرض شمالي.
102 C adds: بسم.
103 M, C: جنوبي.
104 A repeats: يطلع.
105 M, D add: درجة.
106 C omits: وكوكب يمسى برون.
107 M, D and C: برًون.
108 C: أيام.
وعشرين درجة منه وعرضه شمالي وهذا البرج أنيسي ذو صوت مطالع ثمانية عشر

درجة [انتهى]

برج السرطان واسمه بالفارسية خرشنك شار وبالرومية قفقس هو بيت القمر

وموضع شرف المشتري في خمسة عشر درجة منه وهبوط المريخ في خمسة عشر

درجة منه ووبال زحل وهو أشي صفيق مائي ليلي جنوبي متقلب لانتقلاب الزمان

في من الربع إلى الصيف وهو بلغي زائد النهار وزائد المطالع مطالعه ثمانية وثلاثين

درجة

وهو حائر في المشرق موافق المشتري والمريخ في المغرب يفرضهما ويوههما وهو

مستقيم الطول عن من أفعاله البكاء ويتولى من الأشكال الكثير العدد المتشابه الممس

الباب الذي يلتقي وصوله السرطان ثمانية أرجح واحده زباتيته من

ناحية الشمال والأخرى من ناحية الجنوب

وهل خمس حدود المريخ والزهرة وعطارد والمشتري وزحل عشرين ثلاثة وجوه

الزهرة وعطارد والقمر ومن المثلثات ثلاثة: الزهرة والمريخ والقمر ومن الدرجات

ثلثة: زحل والمشتري

[ادراجات] ثلاثة: القمر والمريخ والمشتري ومن الدرجات ثلاثة: زحل والمشتري

109 M, D, C: ثمانية.
110 M, D, C: وهو زائد النهار وله اسم علم
111 M, D, C: الرفس.
112 M, D, C: موضع.
113 M, D: من المثلثات، and C: من المثلثات، instead of عشر: the latter is the correct value.
114 M, D: برج.
115 C omits: وهو اثني.
116 M, D, C: بアナما عشر.
117 M, D: من الممس.
118 C omits: ويؤول من الأشكال.
119 M reads: زياتيته.
120 M omits: له.
121 M, D: المريخ، والزهرة، وعطارد، والمشتري، وزحل.
122 M, D: من المثلثات ثلاثة: instead of من المثلثات ثلاثة.
123 M, D: جزء درجات.
124 M, D: وثلث درجات.
125 M, D: الشمس.
وطُارد وله ١٢٦ تسع نوبرات أولها القمر ١٢٧ وله من المنازل الثرة والطرف وثالث الجبهة وله من الجسد الصدر والصلب والمعدة والأضلاع ١٣٠ وفيه من الكواكب الثابتة الشعرية اليابية وفيه ١٣٢ من الدرج الرائدة السعاده خمس درج الأولى والثانية والثالثة والرابعة عشر والخمسة عشر ومن الدرج النيرة درجتان ١٣٤ الخامسة والسادسة ومن المظلمة درجتان الثانية والرابعة ومن القيمة [القائمة] ١٣٦ وأحدة السابعة ومن الدراج المذكورة أربعة الثانية والثالثة والخامسة والحادية عشر ومن المؤتة درجتان ١٣٨ الرابعة والخامسة ومن الدراج المشرة بالإصبار المعرفة بالآبار ١٣٩ سبع درج العاشرة والثانية عشر والسابعة عشر والعشرون والثانية عشر ومن الدرج العشرون والثلاثون وله من الألوان الأشتر الذكر [الندر] ١٤٠ ومن الاحوال الورد والبلغم والرجح في الجوف وهو برج ١٤٢ يبغض من البروج القوس والدلو والحوت [والجوزاء] ١٤٣ ويحب العقرب والحوت ويكون من السفينة الأضلاع ومن الأيام ١٤٤ الآمن ومن الدواب.

١٢٦: M, D omit: له.
١٢٧: C omits: أولها القمر
١٢٨: M adds: القرية
١٢٩: C adds: الابناء
١٣٠: D: والأضلاع
١٣١: C: البلامية
١٣٢: M, C omit: فيه
١٣٣: M, D, C add: في
١٣٤: C: أثناة
١٣٥: C: أثناة
١٣٦: M: القائمة درجة والقياسية درجة
١٣٧: C: درجة وهي الرابعة
١٣٨: C: أثناة
١٣٩: C omits: المعروفة بالآبار
١٤٠: C: والسائدة
١٤١: M, D: الأخير والبكر
١٤٢: C omits: وهو برج يبغض . . . السفينة الأضلاع
١٤٣: M: وهو جوزاء
١٤٤: M adds: يوم
الدهم ومن الجواهر الزبرجد ومن اللباس الخضراء ومن الأفعال البكاء وهو مظلم.

اخرس وله من الفصول الصيف ومن الشهور توز ومن الجهات الشمال.

برج الأسد واسمه بالفارسية شير 147 وايضا خوشه 148 = خوشه بالرومية ليون.

وصورته صورة أسد فاغر 149 فاه وجهه إلى قطب الشمال ووجهه إلى ناحية خط الاستواء باسطاكيه وذراعيه كالمتملى وهو برج ذكر شرقي 150 نهار ثابت

صيفي زائد النهار رومي [ذو مرة] 151 صفراء بيت الشمس يغبر 152 شرف ولا هبوط.

بل وهو وبال زحل 153

وله خمس جدران المشترى والزهرة وزحل وعطارد والمريخ 154 ولله ثلاث مثناي الشمس والمشترى وزحل وثولة أذرخات 155 نورات أولها الشمس 156 وله من المنازل 157 ثميه الجبهة والزهرة وثانية الصرفه.

ويتملي من جسد الإنسان القلب والجنوب والعنوان والظهر وله من البلاد بلاد التراك.

والى نهاية العمران إلى الصغد ونيسابور وله 159 انطاكية وضيقية وابن والكلدانية 160.

145 C: الملعب الأخضر.
146 C: وهو شهور توز وله من الجهات الشمال والفقه علم.
147 M: شير.
148 D: وأيضا خوشه C: omissions: خوشه.
149 C: قاع.
150 D, M adds: باناري.
151 D, M, C: ذو مرة صفراء.
152 D, M: وبال زحل يغبر.
153 D, M, C omissions: وبال زحل لا شرف فيه ولا هبوط.
154 D: والمشترى ددرج والزهرة 6 و زحل 7 و عطارد 8 والمريخ 9 C: المشترى و س درج والزهرة 7 و زحل 7 و عطارد 8 والمریخ و.
155 D, M: أذرخات.
156 C: omissions: وله ثلاث مثنايات، أولها الشمس.
157 D, M: المنازل القصرية and does so hereafter following the word
158 M: الى.
159 M: السعد C: omissions: السعد.
160 D, M: له.
161 D, M: وسقية بلاد اين والكلدانية.

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ويوافقه من الأزمنة الصيف ومن الشهر آب ومن الجهات المشرق ومن الأيام الأحد وفيه من الكواكب البانية قلب الأسد وعن الشجاع المفرش وفيه من الدرج الزائد في السعادة أربعةاثنتي عشرة والسادسة والثامنة والتاسعة ومن النيرة درجبانة الستة والسادسة ومن المظلمة درجبانة السادسة ومن المؤثرة درجبانة الثانية والعشيرة ومن المظلمة ثلاثة أربعة والسادسة والثامنة ومن المظلمة المضرة بالأصبار المعروفة بالبار خمسة أربعة منها ناصية الأسد وهي السادسة والثالثة عشر والخامسة عشر والعشيرة وقلب الأسد

وهل نصف صوت ودرج مطالعه ستة وثلاثين ولمل الياض الصفراء ومن الألوان الأذيمة ومن الطهان الدم ومن السفينة وجهها الأعلى ومن الخيل الشقر ومن الجوهر الباقوت ومن الأفعال الرضا وهو زائد النهار ومن البلدان جليقة وأبولية وحمص (ودميشق) وسواد الكوفة. 


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162 C omits: لوه من البلاد ... آب.
163 D, M adds: يوم.
164 D: الرمز والشجاع+C: الرمز والشجاع
165 D, M: المفرش
166 D, M, and C: ومن الدرج الزائد
167 D, M, and C add: واحدة وهي...
168 D: أتتان
169 A repeats: الثلاثة والعشيرة
170 D, M, C omit: المظلمة
171 D, M, C add: درجة...
172 D: الأصرفر
173 C omits: ومن السفينة وجهها الأعلى
174 D, M: برفقة
175 D, M: إبولية
176 D, M: وأرض حصص
177 Illegible word completed by D, M.
178 D, M adds: ومملكة وسقية والله أعلم ومن البلدان جليقية .. وسواد الكوفة... A: واسمه بالفارسية خوشه.
179 D, M and C: برازو وه.
180 D, M: برازو وه.
181 Barely legible, reading verified by D, M, and C.
182 D, M and C: بذنب.
وطرف الجنانين (الجنانين) قد دخل الميزان حاشرة حاسرة عن
باستغلاً يديها فيها سبلتين وهو برج اثني ترابي ذو جسد صغير.
مرة صفراء شمالي بيت عطارد وشرفه في خمسة عشر درجة منه وهبوط الزهرة في سبعة
وعشرين درجة منه وبالمشتري
وله خمس حدود عطارد والزهرة والمشتري والمرخ وزحل
وله ثلاث وجوه الشمس والزهرة وطارد وثلث مثلثات الزهرة والقم وبرج وثلث ادراجات
طارد والزهرة وزحل وثلث ادراجات المشتري وزحل والزهرة وسع نهراً
واولها عطارد وفيه من المنازل ثمانية الصرفة والعواء والباكة
ويتوبي من الجسم الا معاء والبطن والدجاج والمصابرين واللحاء وفيه من الكوكب الثانية
ذنب الأسد ومن الدرج الزائدة في السعادة ثمانية ثانية عشر والعشر ون من
الثورات درهان 198 السادسة والسابعة ومن القمة درجة 199 الرابعة ومن
الظلام درجة 199 الثالثة ومن الحالية درجة 200 الثانية ومن المذكرة درجة 201 الحامية والعشرة

184 D, M: الجنانين
185 C omits: قد
186 D, M: حاسرة عند C: حاسرة عن
187 C: فيها
188 D, M, C: وهي
189 D: عطارد 7 والزهرة 6 والمشتري 6 وطارد 6 وزحل 7
190 D, M omit: له
191 C omits: ولاولها عطارد وفيه
192 D, M: يله C: يله من
193 C: من جسد الإنسان
194 C omits: والجواب
195 C: من الثورة الثانية
196 D, M add: وهي C adds: واحدة و هي
197 D, M omit: من
198 D, M adds: وهي C adds: واحدة و هي
199 C: الثامنة
200 D, M adds: واحدة و هي
201 C: الثمانية و هي
ومن المؤتمتة درجتين: السعادة والثامنة ومن الدراج المشرّب بالأبحر خمسة الثامنة والثالثة عشر والسادسة عشر والعواحة والعشرون والعشرين,
وله من الألوان البيضاء من الطبقات الرياح في الجو gul المعدة والمعبه وغير من الألوان الرياح وال 있도록 وينتول من السفينة أسفلها.

ومن الأعيان الأربعة ومن الخيل البحار ومن الجوهر الجزع ومن الألوان المشهر والملون ومن الأخلاء العلم وهو مقطوع الأعضاء لا صلاة [NU 205] للعقم مستقيم الطولاء ومتغاله أربعين درجة وهو حار في المشرق موافق للمشترية 207 والمريخ في أفق 208 المغرب يوافق القمر والزهرة.

ويطلع فيه من الكوابيب البابانية كوك في سبعة عشر درجة درجة منه شالي وكوك في ثمانية وعشرين درجة وعشر دقائق شالي وفي بارك الجنوبي كوك شالي في سبع درجة وعشر دقائق دقيقة شالي ويكمل من البلدانة والملتقى 210 النهرين واجانة [NU 211] الاتهام وجريطة [NU 212] = بريغش.

وأيضاً في الموصل والجزيرة 213 الميزان ويسمه بالفارسية كرم [NU 217] = ترازو وبالرومية دغوس 218 وصورته صورة ميزان 219 له كفتيين وعديد ولسان في متناقار نصف طير ومنتاره من اليمن على نصف

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202: C: المجن.
203: C: يغص من الريح . . . أن يلواها
204: M: يعم
205: C: الملون.
206: D, M, C: لا يرون له.
207: D, M, C: يوافق المشترية
208: D, M, C: يوافق.
209: C: يطلع.
210: D: النهر.
211: C, D: النهر.
212: D, M: راخية.
215: C: يرض.
216: D, M, C: جزيرة معumu وافد العالم به من كم.
217: D, M: يرغض به من كم.
218: C: يرغض من كم.
219: C: يغص صورة ميزان.
جسمه الباقى [يُشبه الشهر في 모습ه]220 في السبيل قريب من الوسط للمخط الذي في المنارة وهو
بيت الزهرة وشرق زحل في أحد وعشرين درجة وهبوط الشمس في تسع وعشرين
درجة وهو بالعرض وهو برّج ذكر ناري رياحي متقلب لانقلاب الزمان فيه من
الصيف إلى الخريف وهو دموي ذكر هواei224 خريفي ناقص النهار
[مطالعه]225 أربعين درجة وهو حار في الدوامة، يبّاس في المغرب بارد رطب
دومى ذكر هواei226 ذو صوت وله خمس حدود زحل وعطارد والمشترى والزهرة والربيع
والملعى [1] ووجه القمر وزحل والمشترى وثلاثة مثلتات زحل وعطارد والمشترى
ثلاثية ادغامات الزهرة زحل وعطارد وثلاثة ادغامات عطارد والزهرة والشمسم
وتسع نوافرات أولها الزهرة
له من المنازل الغفر والزبانة230 وثلاثة [1 = ثلث]231 كليل ومن الحسدن
والبطن والألبان واسفل الابطن234 وفيه من الكواكب الثابتة الأعزل والرحم وبطن
قطرس = قيطوبس236 ومينير الفلكة

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220 D, M, C: والباقي
221 D, M, C: read عشر
222 D, M: adds منه
223 C: omits: برّج
224 D, M, C: omit: ذكر هواei
225 Missing word, completed by D, M, and C.
226 D, M, C: وهو حار يبّاس في الدوامة، يبّاس في المغرب بارد رطب
227 D: زحل ٨ درج وعطارد ٦ درج والمشترى ٧ درج والربيع ١٠ درج والزهرة ١٢ درج والمشترى ٨ درج
228 D, M: omit: زحل... أولها الزهرة
229 C: omits: وثلاثة مثلتات زحل...
230 D, M, C: والزبانة
231 D, M, C: وكلي
232 D, M: omit: والألبان
233 C: ومن حسدن الإنسان
234 D, M: omit: والألبان وأسفل الابطن
235 C: الباقية
236 M, C: قيطوبس, D: قيطوبس

237 D, M, C: وفيه من
238 D, M, C: السعادة
239 C: والسادسة
240 C: المقلة الفنّان
241 D, M: درجتان
242 D, M: يبت في الفنّان
243 D, M add: من الدرجة
244 Illegible word completed by D, M, C.
245 C: والدرجة الثالثة: M: النروج، والثامنة
246 D, M, C: الصفراء
247 Illegible word completed by D, M, and C.
248 D, M: ما يقع على الماء
249 C omits: وبعض من النروج ...
250 D, M add: يوم
251 M adds: ومن الأشياء البايات ومن الألوان الأجمل ومن الأفعال الإكلام ون من الجهات الغرب ومن أشهر تشرين، D adds: ومن الأشياء البايات ومن الألوان الأجمل ومن الأفعال الإكلام ون من الفصول الخريف، ون من الجهات الغرب من أشهر تشرين، C adds: ومن الجهات الغرب من أشهر تشرين الأول.
252 C: الأقاصي: and omits
253 D: للغزاز
254 C omits: للغزاز، ولطبستان
255 D, C omits: وتبت
256 C omits: والجزر مثل طخارستان
برج العقرب واسمها بالفارسية (كردم) والرومية ستريوس وصورتها صورة عقرب بخارية. أربع أربعة من ناحية الشمال وأربعة من ناحية الجنوب وطر في درج البيرق في الميزان قد سبل [مسك] عليها وهو شاخص إليها وهو بيت المريخ وبوسط النهر في ثلاث درج منه وبثالتوها الزهرة وهو برج آشور مائي جنوبي خرافي ثابت ناقص النهار مستقيم الطول ومطاعمه ستة وثلاثين درجة وهو حاز في المشراق يوافق المريخ والمشتري وفي المغرب يضهرهما ويوههما وله خمس حدود المريخ والزهرة وعطارد والمشتري وزحل وثلاث وجوه المريخ الشمس والزهرة وثلث مئات الزهرة والمريخ والقمر وثلاث درجات [الدرجات] المريخ والمشتري والقمر وثلث مئات درجات المريخ المشتري وزحل وتسع نواعات أولاً المريخ فيه من المنازل ثلاثي الألفيل والقلب وثلاث [وشهب] الشهادة وله من الجسد المذكور واللجم والقمر وفيه من الكواكب الثابتة قلب العقرب وأخر كوكب الفلكة الشمالي والشماليان وفيه من الدرج الزائدة في السعادة ثمانية درجات ثانية عشر والعشرين ومن الدرج النيرة درجات السادسة والسابعة ومن الظلمة واحدة والأولى ومن المدخنة واحدة وهي الثانية ومن المذكرة ثمانية والرابعة والثامنة ومن المئات ثلاثة الثالثة والخامسة والسادسة ومن المضرة بالأطراف ستة الناسفة والعشرة والسابعة عشر والثانية والعشرين والثالثة والعشرين والثامنة والعشرين وهو قلب العقرب

257 D, M: كردم; in A it is added over the line; omitted in C.
258 C omits: بالسربانية ماكرو وهو بخارية ... عقرب بالفارسية ... عقرب.
259 D, M: مسک C omits word.
260 D: المريخ والزهرة ز وعطارد ومشتري ح وزحل ه spaces for numerals were left blank in C.
261 D, M: أدرجات omitted in C.
262 D, M: المشتري omitted in C.
263 D, M, C: وله من
264 D, M, C: كلاً
265 D, M: درجة واحدة وهي;
266 D, M, C: ثلاثة الثانية والرابعة والثامنة والعشرة rather than
267 D, M add: الدرج الآبار C adds: الدرج الآبار
وله من الألوان السمرة إلى الحمرة ومن الطبقات الريح [إلى} 268 البرودة والبلغم
يغض من البروج الحمل والجزراء والميزان [ويبقى} 269 الحوت والسرطان وله من
السفينة موضع الصاري ومن الأيام 270 الثلاثاء ومن الخليل الدهم ومن الجوهر التجادي
= البجادي] ومن الألوان الخضراء ومن الأفعال الصمت. 271

برج القوس واسمه بالفاسي (كان} 272 وبالرومية فقطرس 273 وصوته صورة رجل
نصف الأول 274 نصف رجل موصل بنصف دفين بيند وراجين بسبطهما والرجل
جناح واحد بيدقه قوس موتورة قد تزه فيه بالهم وأغرق بهم بالرعي واسع المضموم
الأشادق وعلى رأس الرجل زردي إلى ورائه في الجدوي وذراه في الجدي وهو
بيت المشتري وشرف الذنب في ثلث درج منه وهبوط الرأس في ثلاث درج منه

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برج ذكر نهار 276 شرقى خريفي ذو جسدي لمتراجز الزلمان 277 فيه ناقص النهار
م counties الطلوع ذو نصف صوت ودرج مطالعه انثنى وثاني درجة وهو حار في المشرق
يوافق الشمس والميزان وفقتهما في المغرب بردة ورطوبة دورة [صرفاء] 278 ومذاقة
مرة وله خمس حدود المشتري وزهرة وعطارد وجزء والمره 279 وثلث وجه عطارد
والقمر وزحل وثلث مثلثات الشمس والمشتري وزحل وثلث ادراجات المشتري
والميزان والسماء وثلث ادراجات القمر وعطارد والزهرة وتسع نهرات أولها

المشرى 281

268 A adds: المشر.
269 Missing word completed by D and M.
270 D, M adds: وله من الأيام يوم C: مارس.
271 D adds: الكلمة ويبقى الله تعالى الاقل.
272 D, M: كأن C: بل.
273 D, M: فقطرس.
274 D, M: يلآ على D omits: وبارومية فقطرس،.
275 D, M, C add: وهو
276 D, M, C: في
277 D, M: ثلاثة.
278 Missing word completed by D, M, and C.
279 D, M: مذقنة مرة.
280 A repeats: المشتري وزهرة 6 درج وعطارد 6 درج وزحل 7 درج والميزان 8 درج C:بقى كافة في المغرب
م المشتري وزهرة وعطارد وزحل والميزان D: وثلث ادراجات المشتري،.. أولها المشتري
281 C omits: المشتري. . . أولها المشتري.
وفي من المنازل ثلث الشولة والتعليم والبلدة ويتولى من الجسد 282 الفخذان وفيه من الكواكب الثابتة 283 النسر الواقع، وعرق الراي ورأس الجوأ [الحوار]. وفيه من الدراج الزائد في السعادة درجناً الثالثة عشر 285 والعشرون ومن النير 286 درجناً التاسعة والأخرى منه ومن المظلمة درجة 288 السادسة ومن الدخنة 289 الدرجة ومن المذكرة ثلثة الثانية والثالثة والسادسة والسابعة ومن الرؤية درجتين 290 الثانية والسادسة عشر 291 والثالثة عشر 292 والثالثة والعشرين والخامسة والعشرين والسادسة والعشرين والثلاثون ويتولى من الألوان الأكبر 293 ومن الطائر الحارت ويعض من البروج الثور والسربان والعقرب ويحب الحمل والأسد وبي من النفية الصاري الكبير 294 ومن الأيام 295 الحمص ومن الدواب الكيت ومن الأحجار العقيق ومن الألوان الحمراء 296 ومن الأفعال السعد 297 ومن الفصول الحزين ومن الشهرة كاثرون الأول ومن اللباس الحمراء، وله من الأمصاف القاصية وطريقية [وطريقة] 298 وعلم ويقاله [وقلته] 299 وأرض الأشنان = الإشبان 300 وأرض المغرب وجزيرة الأندلس والأندلس 301 • النبر 302 ومن المغرب وما بيله وألفة اعلام 303 وله من اللباس الحمراء وله من الأمصاف 304 ويبقى 287 من جسد الإنسان.

282 C: omit: النسر الواقع
283 D, M: omit: فيه من الكواكب الثابتة
284 D, M, C: omit: ورأس الجوأ
285 C: omit: فيه من الدراج الزائد في السعادة
286 C: omit: درجناً الثالثة عشر
287 D, M, C: omit: ومن النير
288 D, M, C: omit: درجناً التاسعة والأخرى منه
289 D, M, C: omit: ومن المظلمة درجة
289 D, M, C: omit: السادسة من الدخنة
290 C: omit: درجناً التاسعة والأخرى
291 D, M, C: omit: ومن الرؤية درجتين
292 D, M, C: omit: الثانية والسادسة عشر
293 D, M, C: omit: والثالثة العشر
294 D, M, C: omit: ومن الطائر الحارت
295 D, M, C: omit: ومن الأيام
296 D, M, C: omit: الحمص
297 D, M, C: omit: ومن الأفعال السعد
298 D, M, C: omit: ومن الأفعال الطبيعية
299 D, M, C: omit: ومن الأفعال السعد
300 D, M, C: omit: ومن الأفعال السعد
301 D, B, M: omit: ومن النبر
برج الجدي واسمه بالفارسية برگلاہ [بزغّاله] و بالرومية أغوجوس وجوز وصورته صورة عنز له سبلتين وعرف مسيل وله قرين ويدي يدي فرس قد برك يدي القيام ورجله مقوسنتين وهو برج أثني ليلي جنويي شتوي مبلقلاب الزمان في من الحزين إلى الشتاء والبرد ذو مرة سوداء ناقص المطلع (ناقص النهار) مقطوع الأعضاء لا صوت له مطالعة ثمانية وعشرين درجة وهو برج حار في المشرق يوافق المشترى والمريخ في المغرب بواقع القمر والزهرة وهو بيت زحل وشرف المريخ في ثمانية وعشرين درجة وهو بحر المشترى في خمسة عشر درجة ووالقمر وله خمس حدود عطارد ومشتري والزهرة والمريخ ونثل ووجه المشتري والمريخ والزهرة والشمس ونثل مثلثات الشمس والمريخ والقمر ونثل درجات [ادرجات] زحل والمريخ وعطارد ونثل الأدراجات الشمس والمريخ والمشتري وتسع نهات أولها زحل وله من المنازل سعد الذئب وسعود بعل وثلث سعد السعو ونثلي من الساق الساق الأيسر والفخذ الأيمن والركين فيه من الكوابث ثانية النسر الطائر ومن الدراج الزائدة في السعادة أربعة ثانية عشر والرابعة عشر والسابعة عشر والعشرون ومن الدراج الثيرة درجات الأول والخامسة ومن المظلات درجة الرابعة

302 C omits: بالفارسية برگلاه
303 D, M: قزغّاله
304 C omits: وصورته صورة عنز له سبلتين
305 C omits: شتوي
306 Also in D; omitted in M and C.
307 D, M, C: إثنين وعشرين
308 D, M, C omits: برح
309 D: وهو C omits: وهو
310 D, C add: وهو برح حار في المشرق...
311 D, M add: وهو بحر المشترى...
312 D: عطارد ومشتري وزهرة ومشتري...
313 C omits: ونثل مثلثات الزهرة...
314 C: من السيد الإنشان
315 D, M: والرابعة عشر والثالثة عشر...
316 C: إثنان
317 D, M add: وهي C adds: واحداً وهي
من المدخنة درجتان الثلاثة والثانية ومن المذكورة درجة[9] حادية عشر
 والسابعة[323] والسابعة عشر والعشرون والثانية والعشرون والرابعة والعشرون
رجل ومن الأيام[325] السبت ومن الخليل الدهم ومن الأجر الخماه
من الألوان السواد[327] ومن الأفعال الجوع ومن البلدان أرض الهند
ومكران ومجستان وراقة [ثراقية][329] ومقدونية ومنطقية[330] والسو ويرافق صاحب هذا
البرج من الجهات القبلة[323] من الأزمة الشتاء ومن الشهر كانون الآخر[333].
السواح بالفارسية دول[334] والرومة بارحيس[335] و应收ه صورة: برج
الوجه يده حبل في بكرة كان يتقي من بئر له وفقه مستقبل الشرق وهو يبت
زحل ووبالشمس لا شرف فيه ولا هبوط
[9a]

318 C: دورة وهي الحادية عشر.
319 D, M: هي الحادية عشر.
320 C adds: الدراج.
321 D, M, C adds: الثانية والثانية.
322 D, M, C omits: السبعة ومدافعة حامضه.
323 C omits: دو مرة سوداء ومدافعة حامضه.
324 D, M, C inserts: وألوان سود.
325 C omits: الطاووس ومن الطابق...
326 D, M add: يوم.
327 C omits: ومن الألوان السواد.
328 D, M: راقية.
329 D, M: omitting in C.
330 A: ومرطبة, D, M: omitted in C.
331 C omits: ومكران ومجستان... هذا الدرج.
332 C adds: واسم الألوان الشتاء ومن الشهر كانون الآخر.
333 D, M: omitting in C.
334 C omits: بالفارسية دول.
335 D, M, C: بارحيس.
336 C omits: وصورة.
337 D, M, C: نقل.
338 D, M add: لكوك.
ذكر ناري نهاري غري ثابت دموي مذاقحة حلوة ناقص النهر معوج الطولاع
انسي ذو صوت ومطالعه ا ربعه وعشرين وهو حار في المشتر بابس في المغرب
بارد رطب وله خمس حدود عطارد والزهرة والمشتر والريح وزحل وثيقة وجه الزهرة وعطارد والقرن وثلث مثلثات زحل عطارد والزهرة وثلث مثلثات زحل عطارد والزهرة وثلث مثلثات زحل عطارد والزهرة تسع نوبهات أولها زحل.
وفي من المنازل ثانى سعد السعود وسعد الآخية وثالث الفرع المقدم وله من الجسد الساقان وفيه من الكواكب الثابتة ف مخطوت والرف
وفي من الدرج الزائدة في السعاده اربعة الرابعة والسادسة عشر والسابعة عشر
والعشرون ومن الدرج النيرة درجتين الحادية والثامنة ومن المنظمه درجة واحدة
الرابعة ومن المؤذنة درجتين الخامسة والسادسة ومن الدراجة شركة درجتين
والسادسة ومن الآبار المشرة بالأبصار ثمانية الأولية والعواشرة والثامن الثاني عشر والثامنة
وثلث مثلثات زحل تسع نوبهات أولها زحل

339 C omits: دموي
340 C: اثنين
341 D, M, C add: درجة
342 C: عطارد ٥ درج والزهرة ٦ درج والريح ٧ درج وعطارد ٨ درج
343 D, M: عطارد
344 D, M: omit: له.
345 C omits: وثلث مثلثات زحل
346 C: وله: C
347 D, M, C add: وهي
348 C: والثامنة
349 D, M: درجة وهي C
350 C: الابارة عشر
351 C: الثامن
352 C: الثامن
353 D, M: الدرج
354 C: والسادسة
355 D, M, C: والثامنة
ويجب من الألوان الصفرة الأصر الاسم 356 تطبع البرودة ويعض من البروج السرطان والبنيلة والحوت ويجد الجوزة والميزان ولهم السفينة الشعر 358 ومن الأيام الست ومن الدواب الشهاب ومن الجوهر الياقوت و من الألوان الياض 360 ومن الأفعال النوم وفيه من الكوكب البابانية يطلع نير منها في عشرين 362 درج منه وأربعين دقيقة وآخر يقال له الحبل يطلع في أثني عشر درجة منه واربع دقائق وعرضه شاهلي وآخر يطلع في احد وعشرين درجة منه وثلاثين دقيقة وعرضه شهابي 364

ويتولى من البلاد سمرقد والصعود 365 ونهر بلغ وفراغة والشراة = السراغة والبحر والحيثة والشاط والبلقاء وديار قبط 366 مصر والكوفة وتاهتها إلى الجبل وبدعاء وشركة في فارس 367 ووافق أصباح هذا البرج من الجهات المغبرد ومن الفصول الشتاء ومن الشهور شباط ومن الأيام الست ومن الدواب الياض 369 وذاقه حلوة 370

برج الروح واسمها بالفارسية ماهية = ماهي 372 وبالرومية اخنس = اخنس وصورتها 374 صورة السمكين رأس واحد منها 375 من ملتصق بذنب الأخرى

356 D, M: من الألوان الصفرة الأصر الاسم
357 D, M: تطبع البرودة
358 C: من السفينة الشعر
359 D, M: ومن الأيام الست
360 C: ومن الألوان الياض
361 D: كوكب نير يطلع في: D: يطلع نير منها
362 C: عشرين
363 D, M: ومنه
364 C: وعرضه شهابي
365 D, M: ونهر بلغ وفراغة...
366 D: أرض فارس
367 C: ونهر بلغ وفراغة...
368 D, M: ومن الألوان الياض
369 D, M: ومن الأيام الست
370 D, M: تطبعه الرطب والبيض
371 D, M: ووحده
372 D, M: واسمها بالفارسية ماهية
373 D: نير
374 D, C: وصورته
375 D, M, C: السمكين رأس واحد منها
376 D, M: السمكين رأس واحد منها
وهذا البرج أثى ليلي مائي جنوبية شتوية [د، م: جنوب شتوي] ذو جسد لا متزاج الزمان فيها [د: فيه] وهو بيت المشتري وشرف الزهرة في سبعة وعشرين درجة منه

وهبوط عطارد في خمسة عشر درجة

وهو برج شالي ذو طبيعة إبرة ناقص المطيال في اخره يقع الاستاد وهو مظلم اخر درج مطالعه عشرون وهو حار في المشرق يوافق المريخ والمشتري في المغرب بضره ووهنهما وله خمس حدود الزهرة والمشتري وعطارد والمريخ وزحل وله ثلاث وجوه زحل والمشتري والمريخ وله ثلاث مثلثات الزهرة والشمس وثلاث درجات [دارت] المشتري والقمر والمريخ وثلاث ادراچات الزهرة والشمس والقمر (وتسع نهارات أولها المشتري)

وفي المنازل ثلاث القدم والفج الزود وبطن الحوت ويتولى من الجسد القديم وفب من الكواكب البابانية [الثابتة] منكب الفرس ورأس المرأة وفي من الدراج الزائد في السعادة درجتان ثانية عشر والعشر وسعة من النيرة درجتان الثالتة والرابعة ومن المحالة واحدة وهي ثانية ومن الحوالي الرابعة

377 D: جنوب شتوي الطولع مسعود
378 D, M, C: فيه
379 D, M, C: ووبال
380 M adds: ووهبوط D adds: ووهبوط
381 D, M, C: منه
382 D, M, C: في
383 D, M, C: عشرين درجة
384 D: الزهرة = درج المشتري 6 درج وعطارد 7 درج والمريخ C: الزهرة ح المشتري و عطارد والمريخ و وعطارد والمريخ و زحل درج و وحل = درج
385 D, M: ولله
386 D, M: والمريخ
387 D, M: ادراچات
388 D, M adds: وله ثلاث مثلثات الزهرة .. وقمر وتبعت نهارات أولها المشتري C omits: وله
389 D, M, C: ولله
390 D, M add: القمرية
391 D: الزهرة C: إشارة وهو الحوت
392 C: من سد بالإنسان
393 D, M, C: الكواكب الثابتة
394 D, M add: درجة C adds: الدراج
395 D, M add: ومن الدراج الحوالي النتان C: درجتان

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والسادسة ومن المذكورة درجتان الثانية والعشرة ومن المؤثرة درجتان الثالثة والعشرة
عشر ومن الآبار المجزرة بالأصبار ستة الثالثة والتاسعة والحادية والعشرة والرابعة
وعشرة٣٩٦ والسابعة والعشرة والثامنة والعشرة
ويجب من الألوان البلقة (البلقاء) ويصيبه من الطبقات الحارة والبيئة وبعض من
البروج الأسدي والليزان والدلو ويجب السرطان والعقرب وله من السفينة المجاديف
ومن الأيام٣٩٧ الحميس ومن الخيل المدهم ومن الجوهر الزبجد ومن اللباس الخضراء ومن
الأفعال 이것이 (اليقظة)
ويطلع فيه من الكواكب البلانية تجمع نير في خمس درج منه وسبق دقيق وعرضه شاهلي
ويتولى من إفقي البلدان أرض نصري = = قصران٣٩٨ ولورة = = لودة٣٩٩ وقلقة٤٠٠ وقلوية٤٠١ وجميلة٤٠٢ ويافهة من الزمان٤٠٣ الشتاء ومن الشهور أبدار٣٩٨ آذار٤٠٤
وهذه [ولهذه٤٠٥] البروج صور درج ووجه لها بجهرات٤٠٦ ووقفات وأفعال
لم يولد بها وصانع غفداها عن كابنا هذا وذكرواها على جهة الاستقصاء٤٠٧ في البرج
والاجتهاد في الوصف في الكاب الذي لقبه بالمجيت فمن أراد بلوغ ما يحتاج إليه من
علم هذه البروج على ما شرحته العلماء وسطره وصنت٤٠٨ = = عنت به٤٠٩ فليتصفح بمشيّة
الله وعوته لكافنا المحيط والله الموفق بقدرته٤٠٩

٣٩٦ D, M omit: والرابعة والعشرة
٣٩٧ D, M add: يوم
٣٩٨ D, M, C: قصران
٣٩٩ D, M, C: لودة
٤٠٠ D, M: مملكة
٤٠١ D, M, C: قلقة
٤٠٢ D, M: وجميلة
٤٠٣ D, M: وأدرار
٤٠٤ D, M, C: آذار
٤٠٥ A, D: وللهذه
٤٠٦ D, M, C: بجهرات
٤٠٧ D, M, C: الاستقصاء
٤٠٨ D, M, C: عنت به
٤٠٩ D, M, C: للصواب.
الفصل الثالث: في صور الكواكب الشمالية والجنوبية وأحوالها.

بدأ منها بمشيئة الله تعالى، وعونه وذكره. الكواكب الشمالية أن شاء الله تعالى.

الدب الأصغر كوكبه سبعة وصورته صورة دب وجبهه إلى ما لي القطب وليس في رأسه وقوامه كوكب ما خلا الثالثة التي في الذنب وأربعة كوكب في الوسط.

الدب الأكبر كوكبه سبعة عشر وصورته صورة دب وجبهه ورأسه وقوامه إلى ناحية خط الاستواء ومن رأسه إلى ذبه فيه الكوكب.

التين وكوكبه أحد وثلاثون كوكباً وخلقته حليقة حية في بعض جسده إنواع ثم يتمد في خط والملتهب.


الملتهب وئسم فيقاوس []= فيقاوس[16] كوكبه إحدى عشر كوكباً وصورته صورة رجل علية قلنسوة وهو قاعد رافع إحدى رجليه وواضع الأخرى ورأسه إلى ناحية

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1 MS A, fol. 9b; MS M fol. 30a; MS D, fol. 27b; MS B, fol. 124b; MSS D, M and B are incomplete, breaking off in the midst of the discussion of the constellation Eridanus.

2 B (in Arabic script): والجنوبية أول ذلك الواحئاً

3 A omits: تعالى.

4 B: وعونه وحسن توفقه ومنه يذكر: M: وعونه وحسن توفقه ومنه يذكر.

5 A repeats: وأربعهة M: وأربعية.

6 M, B add: وهذه صورته.

7 D, M, B: فيه هذه الكواكب السبعة عشر وهذه صورته.

8 واللو أروة.

9 D, M, B: وسطه.


11 D, M: وأربعية.

12 D, M, B: هي.

13 D, M, B: وعونه.

14 D, M: ظهر النين.

15 D, B: وهذه صورته.

16 D, M, B: فيقاوس.
خط الاستواء ورجله قدم القطب ويقدمه بوطنس وهو العوا17 ومعناه المصباح

الفول19 الذي يرس السباك وهو العنزة كوكب اثنين وعشرين كوكب وصورته صورة
رجل رأسه الى ناحية القطب واضع إحدى يده على طريقة المجرة التي هي القطب
[التي في قرب القطب]20 وقد قطب كلتي رجليه وهو مشوه الحلق كانه خلق سيفان21
[في هذه البيسى السباك الرابع]22 إكيل وهو الفلكة وكوكبه ثمان وصورته على خلقه الإكيل
الحادي23 وكوكبه ثمان وعشرين كوكب وصورته صورة رجل جانبي على ركبته وعلى
سيف معلق ورأسه الى ناحية خط الاستواء ورجله الى ناحية القطب الشمالي
اللورية28 وهو النصر الواقع ويسمي أيضا السلحفاة وكوكبه عشرة وصورته صورة
طائر على رأسه قلب صدوره ووجهه ما بين القطب الشمالي وناحية مرسيلين الى
ناحية خط الاستواء كأنهما وترين29
الدجاجة وكوكبه سبعة عشر وصورتها صورة بطة بنقار واسع عريض وريش ذهبها
قصير في مسارها لجم مضي قريب من طريقة المجرة ورأسها الى ناحية خط الاستواء
والشرح وناحية القطب الشمالي والأخرى الى ناحية خط الاستواء30 ولها
رجلان ونحاليب وذنب.31

17 D, M, B: بوطنس وهو الفول
الفول A adds as a catchword: المصباح وهذه صورة
18 D, M, B: بوطنس وهذه صورة A adds as a catchword: المصباح وهذه صورة
19 All four manuscripts write the name as al-ghūl rather than al-‘awwā’.
20 M: التي في قرب القطب. D: التي في قرب القطب
21 D, M, B: شيطان
22 D, M add: هذه صورة.
23 D, M, B add: على هذا المثال.
24 D omits almadi and adds in margin: B omits alcadi with no marginal note; M omits almadi
25 G adds in margin: هذا ما وجدناه اسمه.
26 D, B: وعليه سيف معلق
27 D, B, M add: وهذه صورة.
29 B, M: وترين وهذه صورة D: وترين وهذه صورة. D, B, M omit: اللورية ووودين وهذه صورة وترين وهذه صورة
30 D, B, M: والآخر الى ناحية خط الاستواء
31 D, B, M add: وهذه صورته.
ذات الكتب الخضيب وكراكة اثنتة عشر كوكا وصورتها صورة إمارة قاعدة على
كرسي وين رجلها (و) الكرسي كَلْخِلَة الكرسي وقوائمها ورأسها إلى ناحية خط
الاستواء ورجالها إلى القطب الشمالي 34
رأس الغول (إِربَاشو) وهو لا يثبت (الملتهب) 35 وكراكة ستة وعشرين كوكا
وصورته صورة رجل رأك فرس ماسك يبه رأس غول ورأس شبه إكليل في
وسطه نجم 37 مضى ووجه الرجل الرأك إلى ناحية خط الاستواء ورأس الغول إلى
ناحية المشترق 39
العيوب وهو مسك العنان والروم تسميها أضخم 40 وكراكة اثنتة عشر كوكا وصورته
صورة إنسان في يده عنان الخيل ووجهه إلى خط الاستواء وعلى رأسه بضعة لها ذنب
طويل يشبه الزردية
الحوا [كراكة] اثنتة وعشرون كوكا وصورته صورة رجل رأسه الى القطب
الشمالي 42 ورجالها إلى ناحية خط الاستواء ووسط الحية يمر على بطن الحوا مستقيماً
حبيبة الحوا وكراكة اثنتة عشر كوكا وصورتها صورة حية رأسها إلى القطب وذنها
إلى ناحية المشرق 44
العزة وهي النوك وكراكة خمسة ورأسه في الخلفة على النشابة وقوم يسمونه السمهم
وهو صورة نشابة ذات فوق ونصل ورجل النسر الطائر عليه كأنه قائم عليه ورأس
السمهم الى المشرق وآخره الى المغرب

32 A, D, B: the Arabic M writes و with a dot over it, indicating an error.
33 D, B only: وصفة قواطعه
34 M only adds: وهذه صورته
35 Omitted in D, B, M.
36 M, D and B: وهو لا يثبت: A: وهو الملتهم
37 D, B, M: ليس
38 D only: الرجل الذي رأك الفرس
39 M only adds: وهذه صورته
40 A: أضخم: D, B, M fully dot it as: D, B, M
41 M only adds: A: omitted.
42 D, B, M: الجُحْواَ كَوْرَاكِه أَرَبَعْ،
43 D, B, M: يَفْقَح
44 D, B, M add: ناحية
45 D, B only: فوافق
العِقَاب وهو النسر الطائر 46 وصورة صورة طائر منقار النسر ولمثله مثال
النسر وذنبه كذنب النسر وجناحه فوق ظهره ورأسه إلى ناحية خط الاستواء ومثال
يرجع إلى السهم ورأسه إلى ناحية المشرق ووجهه إلى ناحية المغرب مستقبل القطب
وكوابه تمسك كوكب 47
الدلفين وكوابه أربعة عشر كوكب وهو سبع البحر وصورة سبع البحر رأسه
كرون سبع وذنبه ذنب سمكة وهو من عنقه إلى ذنبه كسم السمكة ورأسه إلى ناحية
cيقب الشمالي
النفر الأول وكوابه أربعة مظلمة وصورة 48 رأس فرس والعرب تسميه رأس الناقة
وفه مفتتح مستقبل القطب الشمالي
النفر الثاني وكوابه عشرون وصورة فرس له جناحان ورأسه إلى ناحية
cيقب الشمالي متجه مستقبله 49 وجنابه أحدهما قدامه والأخر من رأسه من ناحية خط
الاستواء ونصفه المقدم في الدلو ونصفه المختر مع كوكب الدلو التي 50 في الحوت
المراة التي لم تبعل وكوابها ثلاثة وثلاثين كوكب وصورة صورة إمراة لها ذواتان قاعدية
بينة 51 اليدين والرجلين والأعضاء وفيها كوكب الخضيب وهو الكوكب النوري من الثلاثة
الثلاثة وكوابه أربعة وصورة صورة خلقية مثلثة متساوية الأضلاع والزوايا 52
فذلك ثلاثة واربعون كوكب شمالي 56

46 D, B, M. وهو نصف النسر الطائر.
47 D, B, M add: وهذه صورته.
48 D, B add: صورة، M adds: مثل.
49 D, B, M omit: بجانبه مستقبله.
50 D, B, M omit: أي.
51 D, B only add: وهذه صورته.
52 M: بينة 
53 D adds: إلى ناحية القطب الشمالي وهي جالبة على هذه الصورة وهذه صورتها.
54 D, B, M: بثلاثة وكوابه.
55 D adds: على هذه الصورة مهيئة: M adds: على هذه الصورة.
56 D, B, M add: وبالله التوفيق.
أناس الكواكب الجنوبية

قطرس (= قيطوس) هو سبع البحر كواكب أثنتين وعشرين كوكب وصولته خلفة الثور
وله أذنان كبيران وليس له قرين وذينه ذنب سماكة وهله عرف ورأسه مستقبل البطين من ناحية الجنوب إلى ناحية الشرق وذنBIN في منتصف السمكة ويدها ظاهرتين.

الجبار وكواكب ثمانية وعشرين كوكب وصولته صورة رجل قائم مستقل القبلة متقدمة بسيط في إحدى أخلاقه [طبر] شبه المرهق (= المرزبة) والأبد المستقبلة إلى المشرق في الأبد الأخرى دور رجل (= حلقا) إنجي الدور الذي في يده وإحدى رجليه إلى قرب من رأس الكوكب الثاني ورجله الأخرى على رأس النهر والمرزم في رجله.

النهر الكواكب أربعة وثلاثون كوكب وصولته صورة حية أخذ من رجل الحوارة الغربي وهو آخر الثور ثم إلى وسط الحبل ثم ي츠ه هناك إلى وسط الثور ثم آخر النهر شبه سماكة ملتقط بها (= بخط) الحمل من ناحية الجنوب (= الجنوب) الأربعة كواكب إثنين عشر كوكب صورة أربعة تحت رجل الجبار التي فيها كواكب المرزم.

النهر الأصغر كواكب ثمانية عشر كوكب وصولته خلفته كوكب قائم على أول قسمة السرطان وسائر جسده في السرطان ومتنهي ذنBIN في عشر درج من السرطان وهو

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57 D, B, M omit:
58 Qytrus.
59 D, M, B (Arabic script): طبر.
60 D, B, M only: على هذه الصورة.
61 D, B: طبر.
62 D, B, M: المرزبة.
63 D, B, M: والبد المستقلة المشرق.
64 D, B, M: دوره.
65 D, B, M: دوره.
66 D only: أخذه.
67 D, B, M: بخط.
68 D, B, M: ناحية الجنوب. At this point, copies D, B, and M break off (D fol. 31b; B fol. 127a; M fol. 35b). From here, the text has no parallel in M, D or B.
69 The text has become corrupted at this point, with sentences between this and the subsequent entry transposed. Although the title is given as Canis Minor, the first part of this entry refers to Canis Major, and indeed Canis Major is next in the customary sequence. The second part of the entry, however, applies to Canis Minor (which has only two stars) rather than to Canis Major.
قام خطمه إلى الغرب وسائر جسمه مستقبل القطب الجنوبي و في عنقه نجم الشعر
الجسماء و يُعرف بالشامية في و ركه عند معد [= مغرز] الذئب وهو الكوكب المضيء
الشمالى.
الكلب الأكبر ٧٠ وكوكبه ثامنة عشر كوبا وصورته صورة كلب قائم على أول قسمة من
السرطان مستقبل الجنوب ونصف جسمه في السرطان والشريعة العبور في فيها
اليمنية.
السفيينة وكوكبها خمسة وأربعون كوبا وصورته صورة سفينة لها سكان ومجداف
وشرع وكوثل ومبدأها من أحد وعشرين درجة من السرطان إلى خلاف عشرين درجة
من السفينة وأسفر السفينة مستقبل القطب الجنوبي ورأسها وشراعها مستقبل خط
الاستواء وكوكب سهيل على طرف السكان.
الشجاع وكوكبها خمسة وعشرون كوبا وصورته صورة حية أخذة من نصف السرطان
والكاك يكل لدرجة من الميزان إلى رأس الرجل اللؤلؤ الفرس إحدى يديه بارز وحربة
قد أقبل بها إلى رجل السبع وذنب هذه الحية موضوع على رأس هذا الرجل ووجهه
وظهر الحية إلى خط الاستواء ورأسها إلى قطب الجنوب ورأسها إلى الشرق وذنبها
الي المغرب.
الكأس وكوكبه سبعة وصورته كلامة الأقدام العباسية رأسه وأسفله مضاعف
وأسر النكاس داخل في جسد الشجاع ورأس الكأس إلى ناحية المغرب تحت جناح
الغراب وأسفره إلى ناحية قطب الجنوب وصورته معروفة [= معروفة] على غير نصب
مسطوي ومبدأ النكاس من ثلاثة عشر درجة من السفينة متكوس رأسه إلى أسفله وأسفره
إلى فوق الغراب وكوكبها سبعة وصورته خلقا غراب أسود بين المقار والرأس والجنابين
والمبدأ منgere من عند الشجاع وطرف ذنه على أول خط من خطوط الميزان ووجهه
ورجاه إلى ناحية الشرق وظهره ومنقاره [= منقار] إلى الجنوب معرضة ليست
بقلادة.
قيطاوس [= قتطورس] وكوكبها سبعة وثلاثون كوبا وصورته صورة رجل على فرس
راكه ونهايدة يديه بروز الأخر حرية قد أقبل بها إلى بد السبع يريد بيا ولاد

٧٠ This entry in concerned solely with Canis Major, although Canis Minor is the usual constellation in the normal sequence.
الثانية إلى رجل السبع كأنه يريد أن يستقبله ووجهه إلى ناحية الشرق وقوائم كونى إلى

ناحية القطب وذنب الفرس إلى مقابل القطب مستقيمًا له = متساويًا ؟ والرجل

والحرية في الميزان وطرف الحرة في جروف ؟ العقرب وإحدى يدي الفرس من أصل

هذا في العقرب

السع وكوكبه تسع عشر وصوته صورة فهد وذنبه إلى ناحية الشرق ورأسه إلى

ناحية خط الاستواء وطرف ذنبه إلى قطب الجنوب إلى آخر الميزان وأذنه ورأسه

حيال قلب العقرب وثلاطمته تقطع المجرة ورجله الذي قد قضبها {على}{ قطاعوس قد

انظمت [ انضمّت] إلى بطنه ولا يرى منه إلا يده ورجل واحدة وهو منحرف ما بين

الثعالب والجنوب وآخر كوكبه عرض ما كان على طرف متهبه

المجرة وكوكبه سبعة ورأسها إلى ناحية القطب الجنوبي منحرفًا قليلاً إلى الغرب

وقوامه إلى ناحية خط الاستواء منحرفًا قليلاً ومنتهى قوامها سبع درج من الفوس

ولها ثلة قوام واحد ملتقي بالعقدة الأرباع من عقد العقرب

الإكيل الجنوبي وكوكبه ثلاثة عشر كوكب صورة مستديرة لها رجلان مقبتان

إلى ناحية الغرب وفي أوسط قوام المجرة والإكيل بين رجل الفرس كانه مدوره

وخلقتة الإكيل مضغف متوسط الخفين بعضها على بعض والإكيل ما بين ؟ عشرة

أجزاء من الفوس

ثم الحوت الجنوبي رأسه إلى ناحية الغرب وطرف الجناح إلى فوق الذنب إلى

ناحية الشرق وذنبه إلى ناحية القطب الجنوبي وفي وسطه اعوداج قليل ولا يبدأ =

وإبتداء] ذنبه من خمسة وعشرين درجة من الجدي إلى ثمانية عشر درجة من الدلو وقد

ابلغت ذنبه حبة وخلقتة حول له شوكة في الظهر وجناح وذنب وكوكبه أحدى عشر

كوكب كذلك الجنوبية ثلاثية وستة عشر كوكب

أحوال الكوكب التي في العظم

فّنها في العظم الأول خمسة عشر كوكبًا منها مثل الأرض مادة مرة وسبع مرات.

ومنها في العظم الثاني خمسة وأربعون كوكبًا منها مثل الأرض تسعين مرة • ومنها في

71 Probably superfluous.
72 Probably a mistake for ٣٥٥, meaning 'joint' in anatomical sense. The plural form is ٣٥٥.
73 In copy A, a later reader has used the margins to add up various sums, possibly in an attempt to check the total
number of stars provided in the text.
The reading is confirmed by Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485, and Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76); for the variant see Dhahabī 1963, 1:572.

For the variant see Tabari 1960, 15:555 (no. 18780), Dhahabī 1963, 1:572, and Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76), and for variant see Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485.

For variant 74 see 1963, 1:572, and for variant see Tabari 1960, 15:555 (no. 18780), Dhahabī 1963, 1:572, and Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76), and for variant see Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485.

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الفصل الرابع: في معرفة ثلثين كوكبًا حقيقيًّة [خفية]: الأفعال

ذكرت الفرس والهند أنّها دلالات يحاكي لها من الحماسة السبارة وأنها إذا اتفقت في درجات الطوال والمواليد والغوارب أو المتوسطة أو في درجة غيرها دلت على ما توجيه من أجامتها [زجاجاتها] من السعود والنحوس وقد ذكرناها وأسامها بالفارسية مُخصصة آن شأ الله تعالى.

[see fig. 1.3 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

لها: إصاء الكوُكَّب | أسامها بالفارسية | مزاجاتها | طبان أفعالها

اخر النهر (بالحمل) | حسكة [؟] | مزاج | المشتري والزهرة

جنب الجمدا = الحضيب [؟] | الأيمن | كار | كار | مزاج | المشتري وحل

الديران وهو عين الثور (بالجوزاء) | سكدول | مزاج | المريخ والزهرة

 kokb في الرجل اليسرى من الثور [من الجوزاء] | شير | مزاج | المشتري

وحل

منكب الجوزاء الأيسر | يانيش | مزاج | المشتري وعطارد

العين [العنام] وهو العيوق (بالحمل) | شير | مزاج | المشتري وحل

الوسط من منطقة الجوزاء (بالجوزاء) | بسيم | مزاج | المريخ وعطارد

منكب الجوزاء الأيمن (بالجوزاء) | إيش | مزاج | المريخ وعطارد

منكب مسك العنان | قعر | مزاج | المشتري وحل

الكلب الأكبر وهو الشعرى اليابانية (بالجوزاء) | شهار | مزاج | المشتري والمرخ

رأس النهق المقدم (بالجوزاء) | سرب [سردت] or | مزاج | المشتري

وطرارد

رأس التمث المخرب (بالجوزاء) | الغافض | مزاج | المريخ وحل

الكلب الأصغر وهو الشعرى اليابانية [الشامية] (بالمرطان) | سلهم | مزاج | عطارد والمرخ

1 A 114:22; the chapter is omitted from all other copies.
2 See the author’s introduction to Book 1 (A 2a4), where the reading خفية is confirmed by MS M. While the phrase as written in our manuscript, kaqiyat al-afl is (with true influences) is a possibly correct reading, in the introduction to the treatise the author lists of the contents of Book One, and for this chapter the phrase there reads khafiyat al-afl. We gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Professor Paul Kunitzsch in identifying many of the star-names.
Fig. 1.3. Table in Chapter Four, Book One: ‘On thirty stars with occult influences’. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 11b.
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النمر الطائر (بالنقوس) | الأدرق | مزاج | المشتري ونهر الزهبة وعطارد

النمر الواقع (بالنقوس) | قلص | مزاج | الزهرة وعطارد

النهر الجنوبي ويسمى الورك | مكثف | مزاج | الزهرة وعطارد

ذرن الدجاجة (بالنقوس) | رنث | مزاج | الزهرة وعطارد

منكب الفرس (بالجدي) | مستحصب | مزاج | المشتري وعطارد

المسمي رأس المرأة (بالحوت) | حادل | مزاج | —

— | — | مزاج | —

3 Or: بمعنى.
الفصل الخامس: في صور الكواكب الشمالية والجنوبية

[see fig. 1.4 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

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12 D, B, M:  
13 D, B, M:  
14 D, B: العدو  
15 B omits  
16 A, D, B, and M:  
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25 D, B, M: الحبار
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27 D, B: الموارب: الموارب
28 D, B, M: البقر
29 D, M: البخار: البخار
30 D, M: الحامي: الحامي
31 D, B, M: الأسدا
32 D, B, M: إنطمر
33 D, B: المونسا
34 D: مس: بسر: بسر: مس
35 D, B, M: نسر البار
36 A, D, B, M: قبطورس
37 D, B, M: أزانا الشامي
38 D, B, M: أزانا الشامي
39 D, B: الموارب
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D, B, M: الغراب

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D, B, M: ألمهم
الفصل السادس في أحوال الكواكب ذوات الذوائب وما فيها من العجيب
قالت الحكاء أن الكواكب ذوات الذوائب جوهر دلالتها يشبه دلائل المرج وعمادها إذا امتزج فأن هذين الكوكبين إذا كانت في القسمة العالمية لأحدما شعاع الآخر وقد امتزج جمال ذلك المنعكس والحرب والجذور والبراء والبراء والعلاء والمديات المرفقات وكبيرة الطاعون والزلازل والفسسوف ونبط العلماء (= العظام)، والسلاطين وان تلك الحوادث تكون في الناحية التي يظهر فيها ذو الذوائب أن ظهر في المشرق في المشرق أو في المغرب في المغرب أو في الشمال ففي الشمال فان ظهر في الجنوب كانت المحة عامة في العالم وأكثر ذلك في وسط الإقليم ومثلي كانت شرقية من الشمس تعلم دلالتها وقيل كانت غريبة تأثرت في دلالتها وان تغشت في مدة قريبة كانت دلالتها قليلة وان مكثت في طولها = طولها = مدة طويلة كانت دلالتها طويلة وان الناحية التي تميل إليها الذويبة أخصى (= أخص) بشرها والله علم بيته.

التول على ظهورها في كل برج
فان ظهر ذو الذويبة في برج الحمل هلك العظام وأهل الشرف واستعفا السفهاء وأهل الشر وظهر من الشر ما لا يُعرف ومات ملك الروم وأكبر مملكته واضطرت

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2 D, M: جوهر لانها
3 D, B, M: بالأخ
4 D, B, M: العظام
5 D: حادة في
6 D: حادة في: بتوقيت الشمال: ب.timing في
7 D: مدة طويلة: أخص
8 D, B, M: أخص
9 D: أخص وافق
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11 D, B, M: دله
12 D, M: بوجع برج الحمل before
بلداتك ونالت ثكيل أرض الرك شدة شديدة وخط من المطر والكلا والزروع
وكبَّرت أوجاع العيون واشتد حزى الصيف وكر المذهب والفضى في أيدي الناس
فان ظهر في برج الرياس البرد وقلب وأفسد العشب وأصاب الناس أوجاع شديدة من سعال يابس وحكة وجرع ومات البقر وفسدت [وانقطعت] السبل
وفسدت الغلبة وطحقها عاهه في السهل والجبل وخرجت مدن الجبل وقلت عمارة البساتين
والغروس وهلك الآثار وناهل السواد من الظلم والعسف وقيلة الغارة
فان ظهر في الجوهراء 17 أحرقت السمايف الفاكة والعش وينبت الكلي من شدة الحر
ووقع الوباء في الناس وهلك الأطفال واسقطت الحبلى وكبَّرت انقضاض الكوكب
ومسكعت في الساء هذه عظيمة وإزاع هيئة كازر تظهر 18 كالمع 19 والرقص الشديد
وان ظهر في برج السرطان أصاب الناس مطر شديد كبير مفسد صد من [يهمد]
الآدور وجرت الأنهار ومدت العيون وتفتحت الثور وقتلت خلق كثر من الغرق
والغرق وينبت [السماوك] 21 وطيب الماء وكبَّرت الحراب واربقت الدماء في مدن
البحر والجزائر وانقطعت السبل في نواحي أرمينية وحران [22] [23] [24] وبلاد فارس لكثرة
الوحول ووقع بين الناس منازعات وحروب بسبب المياة
فان ظهر في برج الأسد قابع [24] الملوث بعضها لبعض وكبَّرت الجرب
واشتد المشاه والحماية ناحية المشرق ومات رجل من أكبر الدول وظلمتهم
وظهر في الساء شدة وهاجت الرياح التي تحمل التراب وتسقي التلال وتقلع

13 D adds: ذو الذوبان.
14 D: فسفد.
15 D, B, M: وفسدت A: وانقطعت.
16 D: الفساد.
17 D: برج الجوهراء.
18 D, M: كازر وكابري.
19 D: كازر.
20 D, B, M: يهمد.
21 Illegible word completed by M and D.
22 D: ومرقة [sic].
23 M: وورزان D, B: ورزان.
24 M: قابع D: قابع.
25 D, B: أكبر M: أكبر.
الخمر ووجع البطن
فان ظهر في السبلة كانت آفة عظيمة في الزروع وعاهة ويوسوع وحقل شديد في الأرض ويلحق الرجال أوجاع شديدة في [= الخمر؟] والأمطار وتصحو النساء ويلحق البيوسة في الأرض وتحف عسفها [= عشبه] ويستقيم أمر الناس في معاهله ويوصي لهم Sultanat hem [ويظهر فيهم العدل]
فان ظهر في برج العقرب كان في تلك السنة عجاب تظهر وكون الشتاء رطب وغيوم كثيرة وجواء مظلم وترافق دماء كبيرة في الشال وتمزق في الغرب حروب ووقت عظيمة ويشتد البرد ويكثر الموت والعمل ونهب [= والنهب] والقتال والغلبة على الفروع وشورر بسب [= والشورر حتى يشيب منها] القلادة و يكون ذلك من أسباب النساء ويلحق الرجال أوجاع كبيرة في المذاكر وفي المثانة والظهر وتكرُّم الأمطار المضرة بالثمار ويتردف الجليد والنحل ويشتد البرد والكوار [= الكرازة]

[13b]

26. D, B, M: وتقطع
27. D, B: ووقع الإجماع
28. D, B: برج السبلة
29. D, M: الإراع
30. D, B, M: من
31. D, B: النافض
32. D, B: الناس
33. D, B: من دنا الناس وسائرهم
34. D: برج الميزان
35. A: الإميل واللاحم
36. D, B, M: العدل وال صلى أو الأمطار
37. D, B, M: يظهر فيهم العدل
38. D: يغيوم
39. D: يهوهنا
40. D, B, M: العدل والموت والنهب والغلبة والقتال
41. D, B: وشورر بسب [= وشورر حتى يشيب منها]
42. D, B, M: الكرازة

28. D, B, M: أوف
33. D: من
44. D, B, M: يظهر فيهم العدل
45. D: يهوهنا
46. D, B, M: العدل والموت والنهب والغلبة والقتال
47. D, B: وشورر بسب [= وشورر حتى يشيب منها]
48. D, B, M: الكرازة
فان ظهر في برج القوس سفن الهواء واشتد الحر وماتت دواوين البر وهلبت وهاجت 43
رياح فيها سهول قاتلة للوحش فيرى في السماوية من الكواكب وتتنافضها ويشتد الملك
على عامتته وخاصته ويكفر على جميع الأموال ودلة [ وذلة ] 45 الرجال وركوبهم بالعصف
والجور والظلم ويموت رجل كبير من أعداء الملك وماربيه في شرق ذلك البلد.
فان ظهر في الحدي 46 كان فرع شديد وحرب وظف عظيمة وظهر بعض البدع
ويلحق الناس شبه الجنون والوسواس والصراع والفساد في الآراء 47. وقطر يدركهم
من غير سبب وشدة من غير ضرب وضيقات في المعابود و Void للتجارة، ويرد الهواء
وقت يتطج ويخرج الزرع ويموت صغار المعاذد ويشتد حال الناس بالشمال والإقليم الذي
يطلع فيه وتلتقط السلب ويكثر اللصوص ويذل أهل الحير والصالح والورع ويزداد
الناس في ظلم بعضهم بعض 48.
فان ظهر في برج الدلو كان في الناس موت عظيم شديد وفناه و [ وطعَناه ] 49. وقتل
ورخص سعر كل شيء من الثار 50 وليت وفناه سيخلو الناس على شديدة من السوداء [ والجذام ] 55 وموت ملك
من ملوك الشرق 57 [ يتغير ] 58 الهواء

43 Missing letters completed by D and B; M: حرف
44 D, B: omit.
45 D, M: بحير
46 D, B: برج الحدي.
47 D, B: وفاسد وفط.
48 Omitted from D, B.
49 D, M: وشدة
50 D, B add: يتطرف.
51 Omitted in M.
52 D, B, M: وطعَناه
53 B: يرخص سعد، D, M: يرخص سرد
54 D, B: الاحترار
55 D, B, M: السوداء والذام
56 D, B, M add: كبير.
57 D, B, M: الشرق
58 Illegible word completed by D, B, M.
وفيتخت اختلاف قبيح يموت بِناس كبير [نَاتِي كِبَير] ٥٩ ويفاف ٦٠ من كُرة الرعد
والبرد [والبرق] ٦١ وفزع الصواعق وتكون الرجفان في الناس كثيرة ٦٣.
فان ظهر في برجم ٦٥ الحوت هلكت أمة عظيمة من أهل الجنوب وشرقي الأرض
وتبتدع في الدين سنة لم تعرف مخالفة للشرع ٦٦ للشريعة ٦٠ وسمل ٦٠ وischen [وينقل] ٦٧ ملة
إلى ملة ويعاب [ويعتال] ٦٨ أهل الدين والرعب سفل الناس ويعفع الاختلاف في
الناس ويشترى وفقر الفاقع [ويظهر لهم الفقر والفاقة] ٧٠ خوفاً من المكر و ٧١ ويكر
استعمال المكر والغدر ٧٢ والحرب وموت الأخبار ولا يفرح والد بولده ولا يبال
بجراه ٧٣ وينقطع ٧٤ المنافع وتفسد النبات وموت السمك لعلة تلحقه والله أعلم غيبته ٧٥.

ما حكاه بطليموس من أعمالها بانفرادها في حالاتها على الأنفراد ٧٦
قال ايا طلع المسمى منها فارس ومزاجه الزهرة وقد خصت به دون غيرها وعظمه
كعزم القمر إذا كان ٧٨ مملاً وهو سريع السير وله عرف بين كرف الفرس ويطرح
شعاعه إلى ورائه وهو يجري في البروج الإثني عشر فإذا ظهر صرع الملوك والحارثه

٥٩ خلاف repeated in A.
٦٠ D, B, M: نَاتِي كِبَير
٦١ D, B add: بِناس كِبِير
٦٢ D, B, M: الوَّلَبَقِ
٦٣ D, B: ويكون في الناس فزع ورفقات كبيرة والله أعلم
٦٤ D, B: ظهرة ذوات الذوايا
٦٥ Omitted in M.
٦٦ D, B, M: للشرع
٦٧ وينقل
٦٨ D, B, M: وينقل
٦٩ D, B, M: أسفل
٧٠ M: ويظهر لهم الفقر والفاقة
D, B: ويظهر لهم الفقر والفاقة
٧١ D, B: ويظهر لهم الفقر والفاقة
٧٢ M: والقدر ؟ obscured by ink blot; A: العدد
٧٣ D, B: يبال
B: وينقطع
٧٤ M omits: أنفِر، أعلم غيبته
٧٥ D, B, M: على الأنفراد
٧٦ D: ومراحه
٧٧ D, B: ويفاف
٧٨ D, B: ويفاف
٧٩ D: كانت

[fig. 1.6 no. 001]

عرف الفرس

فان ظهر الذي يسمى الحريبة، فانه لعطارد، ولونه شعاعي بين الصفرة والسواوية وهو كوكب اصغر مستثيل له شعاع فانه ظهر بالمشارق، هل علي غير الملوك بالرعيه في المشرق ان كان شرقًا، وفي المغرب ان كان مغربًا، وهمج الشرع بتك، النواحي وتظهر ايات ورياح وآثار في السماء هائلة وهذه صورته.

[fig. 1.6 no. 002]

الجريبة

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80 D, B, M: [الجبرة]
81 M: [الجبرة]
82 M: إليهما ممزجة، D, B: إليهها ولم يرد ممزجة
83 D, B, M: وأرسادا لونها
84 D, B, M: ووضاءتها
85 D, B, M: وحسها: A: [الجبرة]
86 D, B, M: علق الفرس.
87 D, B: وان
88 B: [الجريبة]
89 D, B: [الجريبة]
90 Illegible word completed by D, B, and M.
91 D, B: في الرعيه
92 D, B: وان
93 D, B: وان
94 D, B, M: الشعر،
95 D, B: ذلك.
96 D, B, M: omit [الجريبة]

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المصابح

97 د، ب، م: المصابح
98 د، ب: عاء
99 م: المرح، د، ب: المرح
100 د، ب، م: قد دلي ذوايته
101 د، ب، م: فإن
102 د، ب، م: الإقليم والحرق والفتنة
103 د، ب: واراقة، أ، م: واراقة
104 د، ب، م: السعاري
105 د، ب، م: الأحراش
106 د، ب، م: وما
107 د، ب: الأثار
108 د، ب، م: وهرة
109 د، ب، م: وهرة
110 د، ب، م: في: في
111 د، ب، م: شروت والفتنة والزَّرع
112 د، ب، م: المصابح
فلا ظهر الكوكب المعروف للحيائى
كما يظهر في الشعر.
وهو للمشري
حسن شعاع
الشعاع
يرير بياض ازهرة.
يشبه الفضاء إذا مازجها.
وله سد [نبع]
كبير ومن كبر نبعه
لا يليث لنظرة الإنسان ولا يستطيع
النظر إليه.
وهي إذا شاهد [كرمان] إنسان
ويرفع هذا الكوكب بهذه الصفة
ويطرح شعاعه يدخل على الخير والحسب في الكورة والإقليم الذي اختبت به ولا سيا،
كان المشري في الحوت أو السرطان أو العقرب، فإن الخصب يكون كبر والأمور
سهلة، والمساءة بين الناس والشر قليل ويعظم الأشراف وذوي الأنصاب وتعلوا
منازلهم ويحب الملوك التجار، ورعاياتهم [ورعاياتهم] وهم يظهر العدل فيهم ويكثر
الأرباح، وهذه صورته.

[fig. 1.6 no. 004]
فان ظهر الذي يسمى (القصة) في استعادته عظيمة من وله لهب يشبه ذوي الهوى، صغر دائرة به، ظهر هيج القتال والقتال في كل بلد وممواد ملك كثيرة بعد موت ملك من عظماء الدينامن وهو واقتتصته وحاصتته ودخل الهوان على أهل الدنيا والملوك والضياع والسواد واللهب وذوي المهن والصناع [الدينية] من الناس وهذه صورته.

\[\text{[fig. 1.6 no. 005]}\]

فان ظهر الكوكب المورد فيه توريد قليل ولونه لون الذهب والفضة إذا مرزجت وهو عظيم وسمى كوكب الجارية الرعا (الزى). له وجه كوجه الإنسان، تعولوه صفرة وشعاعه وصيغة الرأس منه وهو حلو المنظر وروق البصر حسن، فإذا ظهر، على هلاك العظام وتعتي الأمور التي ما هو خير منها وحلة من في السجون وفك الأساري من بلاد الروم وصلاح أمور الرعية والأولاء ويدر السواد القواسم والعجائز وهذه صورته.

\[\text{القصة}\]

\[\text{الصانع الدينية}\]

130 D, B: وان
131 D, B: الذي
132 Illegible word completed by D, B, and M.
133 D, B: له في استعادته M: شعاع واستعادته
134 Illegible word completed by M and D.
135 Instead of of
136 D, B, M: وكل بلد موت ملك من عظماء الدنيا ويوت ملوك كثيرة وقوم من أولاد: في كل بلد ... من ولده M: في كل بلد ويوت ملك من عظماء الدنيا ويوت ملوك كثيرة وقوم من ولده الملك
137 D, B, M: الوصول الدينية
138 D, B: وانذا
139 D, B: المورود الذي فيه تورد M: المورود الذي فيه تورد
140 D, B: اميتجت
141 D, B, M: الجارية الرعا
142 D, B: الإنسان
143 D, B: وهو
144 D, B: من
145 D, B: الكفالة
146 D, B: أمورهم
فان ظهور الكوكب المعروف بطيفور وهو قبيح المنظر مدور أسود بحمرة وفصيلة صوره وله لهب ويشبه بشيطان وليس له جمال وهو بطئ السير له عرف إلى وراه وهو يخبر بعد النهار في دفء نار الشمس فاذا ظهر دل على شرك كبير يكون في الناس وغلا سعر وفساد الرجاء وهلاك نفوس الناس والصوص وأهل السعادة وسائر الدواب المسمومات

السمومات[151] وما فيها شر وعذابا للناس كسابع والتاسيس بلى أنه يحسن كل شيء في قلوب الناس ويشير العطش (بين الرجل) والنساء ويهلك البقر ويغلوا [وغلوا] ما في المعادن والعطام كالهليج [كالهليجات] وما شاكلها ويهلل ملك الشرق وملك الغرب وهذه صورته•

وفيما أظهر الكوكب المسمى بالحشي [بالحشي] والمجاني فليس يظهر في البروج بتة ولكن في ناحية الشهال وهما يذلان على القتال وقية الأطر وفساد الديار [وخرابها]

هذه صورته•
فاذًا أظهر السفود فانه قرب الأرم وهو مدور صغير يضرب إلى حمرة صافية جداً يياط ويكون مستطيلًا طولًا مشتراً أو له مثل اخره بل في الأصل منه دقة وحبه [فيه؟] = 814] اعوجاج وهو صافي اللون ضعيف اللبه له مارج = 816] شديد يوم وليلة في طلوه ويشتد سمو الهواء فان ظهر في ربع من أربع السنة ويوجب الحر والبرد اشتد حال ذلك الربيع وشهوه الحكاية بالطويل الأحق من الناس وهذه صورته.


طفور 816] B, M omit

و 816] B


818] B, M: تأرجح D, B: تاريخ. For the word مارج D, B: Tārjīh. For the word مارج see Hava 1964. 714. The closely related text given by ʿAbd Allāh ibn Ahmad al-Maqdisi al-Ḥanbalī reads (Cairo, Dār al-Kutub MS miqāt 729, fol. 11a-3; King 1986, pl. LXXXIV).

819] B, M omit

820] B, M omit

821] B, and M read: الخاية

822] B: صفة

823] B: بو ما قوم أن اللجاب: M: بو ما قوم أن اللجاب: D, B, M omit

824] B omit

825] M: برث D, B, M omit
فأما الكوكب الأحمر المدور الذي يسود مظلم فان الهند يقول انها تراه عندهم 
ويسمونه الكيد 174 ويطلع عليه كالمعدل 176 العظم وهو من اسم [أقسام 177] الكوكب
واختسا وأقطعها في حاجة 178 للفاحة 177 وإن الأمل السالفة التي هلكت كوم عاد وثومرود
وأهل مدين وقوم نوح 177 هلكوا بطلوعه وليس عندهم مثله في الردى وانه 180 أردي من
قران المرج لحل وهو 181 صورة:

[fig. 1.6 no. 011]

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174 D, B: يقولون أنهم رأوته
175 A: الكيد (the kidney) but written as الكيد (the liver); D, B: الكيد
176 D, B: المعدل
177 M: اسم: D, B: يشبه
178 D, B: وأقطعها للفاحة M: وأقطعها للفاحة
179 M: عليهم الصلاة والسلام D adds: عليهم الصلاة والسلام
180 D, B: هذه
181 D, B, M: هذه
182 D, B, M: omit الكيد
الفصل السابع في الكواكب الحلفية ذات [الزوجة] الحراب المرسمة في الفلك
tالثامن ذوات الأفعال (العظيمة) من الخير والشر.
منها كوكب يقال له حواس على هذا المثال [1]

[represented by 6 stars, in two columns of four and two]

وكوكب اسمه طلابس يشبه برجل 6 عليه كوه [=$\text{kūh}$] يعرف إذًا لا يمكن على هذا المثال [2]

[represented by 4 stars]

وكيفين متقاربين سهما هرم الدلائل قريباً من الفلكة واسمه ب럴 ومية عرعر [3]

[represented by 2 stars]

وكوكب أصير إلى الحمرة خلو في جنبي اسمه الضامن على [الجري] السحی الیانة [4]

[1 star surrounded by five small ones; or 6 stars arranged pyramidally (D, B, M)]

وثلاثة كواكب كهيئة السبائك أو كالنافن. بعیدات من بنات أروي 13 على هذا المثال [5]

[3 stars in triangular arrangement]

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1 MS A, fol. 14b12; MS D, fol. 39a2; MS B, fol. 13a186; MS M, fol. 4a23.
2 D, B: كلاک دّوائد الهارب M: الكواكب الحلفية ذوات المرم [الزوجة] الحراب
3 Illegible word completed by D (written above line), B, and M.
4 D, B, M: جويس.
5 D, B: هذّه.
7 D, B, M: كوه.
8 D, B add: داّنًا.
9 D, B: هذّه.
10 Missing word completed by D, M.
11 Illegible word completed by D, B, M.
12 D, B: كلا نافن.
13 D, B: تبعیدات من بنات أروي.
وسّاهما هرمس الكبّين وطليوسél 15 الحِّلس وهذه صورتهما

[2 stars]
وكبّ كبير شبيه باللائدة زاهر اللون حواليél 16 كوابّ صفار مهدعة إثنا عشر كوبه
سّاه هرمس مع ما حلوه الصوارخ وسمو الروم خوارس [خو مارس]؟ 17 وكُون
حلوه بِالحمل في {كل} أربعين سنة وقالوا ستين سنة 19 مشهورة وإذا قطع {زحل
الفلك} دوّرين دا {دار} هو دوره وإذا نزل بالحمل أو لى {أُهّل} الحمل أنسًا وسعودًا ومن كان مولود بالوجه الأول من الحمل حقيقًا فرحًا وسرورًا ووجاهًا عظيمًا
وملكًا ويسارًا 26 وتقدمًا عند السلاطين 27 وهذه صورته

[1 large star surrounded by 8 small ones (A); 1 large with 10 small (D, B); 1 large with 11 small (M)]
وكبّ اسود خفي مظلم مجري في المجرة الوسطى سريعاً ويجزير سريعاً شهيرة
بطليوس بعطارد وسّاه العطوف إذا نزل برج أذي 30 صاحبًا وآخره وأوّرُهُ غمًا
ولا يؤمن ان نعمر {يَغُمْر} 33 به {آلى} السلاطين لكنه 34 لا يتجاوز عنه أسبوعًا ينزل في

14 D, B, M: الكف
15 D, B: وساهما بطليوس
16 D, M: زائد النور حوالي: B: زائد النور وحواليه
17 D, B, M: خو مارس.
18 D, B: حلوه بالحمل.
19 D, B, M: السنة.
20 D, B, M: قطع زحل
21 D, B, M: المقطة
22 B, M: دار: D: دار
23 D, B, M: الحمل أولى: D:حمل أول
24 D, B: مولوداً بالوجه: M: مولوداً بالحمل بالوجه
25 D, B: مرن: D: من الحمل
26 D: ويسار
27 D, B: الملوك والسلاطين
28 M: اسود مظلم خفي: D, B: اسود مظلم خفي
29 D, B omit: و
30 D: ويجزير ويشبه
31 D, B: مرن: B add: 
32 D, B, M: إذا د
33 B, M: يَغُمْر
34 D, B: إلى السلطان لا يَكُن
[15a] كل برج ثلاثين سنة وربما رجع بعد خروجه من البرج إليه ولأجل ذلك العطوف. لا إنه لا يوجد في ممره يوجد في رجوعه اشد وهذه صورته.

[1 star]
 kokub اخر وخلقه سنة كوكب ملاح زهرة مضمة على غير نظام إلا أنها مما تبعثه متتابعه فيها عوجاج [= اعوجاج] يسير ساه هرمس الناصح [= الناصح] وساه بطيوموس المواسم [= النواضح] وهو سعيد ييون البركة طلوعه في كل أربعين سنة مرة
 يجري في قرب مجرة المشترى ولله مراجه قريب من مراجه إذا دخل برج حل السر والسعادة والبركة والساحب ذلك البرج وهذه صورته.

[8 stars in a snake formation (A); 8 stars in a "T" formation (D, B); 6 stars in a "T" formation (M)]
 وكما موردة شاليه إلا أنهم في حاشية الطريق العظيمة إلى فوق المجرة وشبت في الفلك بالفرعان تحت ساق الأسد وهمان نحن من البوات وساهما هرمسم المروعة وبطيوموس طرما [= طوبا] 50] نحن إذا حل برج فاما يحله في كل أحد وعشرين سنة شمسية وهذه صورتهم.

[2 stars]

35 A adds: in omitted in D, B, M.
36 Illegible word completed by D, B, M.
37 M: بالعطوف
38 D, M: يوجد B: يوجد
39 D, B: زهر
40 D, B, M: يوجد B: يوجد
41 D, B: زهرة
42 M: الأنهار غير متواجدة D, B: إعوجاج
43 D, B, M: النواضح
44 D, B, M: النواضح
45 D, B, M: النواضح
46 A repeats: قريب من مراجه
47 D, B: برج حل به فيه
48 D: مورده B: موزمة
49 D, B: الأنهار
50 D, B: الفراغي
51 D, B, M: طوبا
52 D, B: يحله
وثُلِث كوكب خفية تطبع من القبلة في مجرى سهل بل في أمضى [أقصى مجرى
المدار وهذه صورتهم

[3 نجوم في ترتيب مثلث]
وعندهم أيضا في مجارهم [وعلى أثرهم] كوكبان مفترقان خفيان 55 سُود في شبه دائرة
علي هيئة الحلقة المقطوعة كأنهم ذوات ذوائب يقطعان الفلك في كل مائتي عام مرة ساهم
هرسس الطوالع مسادات [مسعدان] 56 جميع الأبراج من نظر اليهمأما أول السنة
لم يرد تلك السنة ولم يوجعه رأسه ولا عينيه 57 خاصة ومن داوم على النظر اليهم لم
يعمل أبد 59

[5 نجوم في دائرة نصفية، أو (في M) 5 نجوم في صفين من ثلاثة وثلاثة]
و kokب جنوبي تحته ثُلث كوكب مشرق نسي الصغير [عصر الصغير] 56 سعد
مقبل النور كامل البهجة له 56 عند كل رأس [رأس كل] 62 دورة ثلاثين سنة شمسية
يقيم في البرج ثلاثين فيه صلاح وسرور وفرح عظيم وبركة وسُلطانه على هلاق الدواب
السابع 64 أذا تزل 65 برج الأسد أهل السبع في ذلك الإقليم في تلك السنة وهذه
صورته

[4 نجوم، نجم واحد على صف من ثلاثة؛ في نسخة B فقط: 5 نجوم، بجانب صف من ثلاثة]

53 D, B, M: أقصى مجرى
54 Missing words completed from D, B, and M.
55 D, B, M: كوكبان مفترقان خفيان.
56 M: مسادات
57 D, B: عينيه.
58 D, B omit: على.
59 D, B add: عندها صورته.
60 D, B, M: يسي العصر.
61 M omits: سعد.
62 D, B omit: له.
63 D, B, M: رأس كل.
64 D, B, M add: خاصة.
65 D, B add: في.
66 B: في
قول هرمس والذي احاط بكل شيء عليه لأسرع في هلاك ما ذكناه من سيل [شيئ] 

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[نجمة ثلاثة]

وكتب بصاص مارخ [مياتز] لونه خضراء ابداً بعد ولا يسكن لقريه من الأرض وكثرة الهواء بينه فهو يعد وإلى جانبه كوكان ميضية معرفة عنه وهو نحس

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[نجمة سبع]

[A FOL. 15A]

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لم يزل لا برج ليلة والزمن لم يزل قط

[three stars in a triangular pattern]

وكتب على مؤخر السرطان أخر ضياء لامع شديد اللمع ويكرب الكف الجذام الحسن السير بعد [بعد] الانتلاف قال هرمس الذي أدار الفلك وحمله حملاً ثقيلاً حلف صادقاً ليراه رجل في كل ليلة يرقصه [ويرقصه] لم ير بؤساً في دهزه حتى يموت ولا يزال فرحان مسروراً وهل علامات ودلائل إذا دخل برج السبنة ملك صاحبها وأغنه واسعده طويلاً ولم يكن له في عصره مثل هيبة وشدة سلطاته وهو ثقيل السير يقطع الفلك في خاصة فلكه في كل مائة سنة مرة وهذه صورته

[a single star]

وكتب زاهر ينحي بحبوط به سبع كوكب مثل القلادة له شعاع إذا أزهر يكاد يغطي ما حوله مجرة مجرى الشعرى المشهورة بعيد منها قليلاً يعرف بالقائم يقطع فلكه في كل مائة سنة إذا دخل في برج العقرب أو رث في تلك السنة الفتن والدماء

82 D, B: لا ينزل برج
83 D, B: سنة
84 D, B, M: في
85 D, B, M: بعد
86 A repeats: والانتلاف
87 D, B: حلف
88 D, B: رجاء
89 D, B, M: ويرقصه
90 M: يرا سواً D, B: يرا أيضاً
91 D, B: حاكم
92 Reading of barely legible word confirmed by M and D.
93 D, B: أله
94 D: هيئة B: هيئة M: في
95 D, B, M: مرة
96 D, B, M: مرت
97 D, M only add: أن
98 M: حوله مجرى D, B: حوله من الكوكب مجرى
99 D, B, M: السنة
100 D, B, M: إذا حل
والحروب والقتل الذري والملاها [= والبلايا] 101 والهلاك والخراب [وهلاك الناس] 102
برّا وبحرّا بالظلماء والجوع 103 والسيف وسهام هرمس الهنّاك وهو الكوكب الذي يطلع [= طلع] 104 أيام الخارجي أبو (ركزة فهلك) 105 لطولة عنه 106 مائة ألف انسان قتل وغرق 107 وجه وعطق وهذه صورته
[one large star surrounded by six smaller ones; in copy M it is surrounded by seven small stars]
وكوكب آخر يقال له المخالط وهمككوكان تحتهم 108 ثلاثة كواكب صغار زر قفية
لها شعاع ونور سن معد إلا حلو 109 في برج الحوت كانت تلك السنة 110 كبيرة المياه والحيتان
وسموك البحر العذبة وكر صيدها وينوى الزرع ويفني الباوعض 111 سههم من [= هرمس النواصر] 112
الفلك في كل مائة سنة ثامنة وثلاث سنين شمسية ونصف
وهذه صورتها
[five stars, a row of two above a row of three]
وكوكب أصح اللون تحت مجري القمر وذاك كان في المنازل القمرية [البطولة] 113
أحسن حيث ماحل فيه يسمى الداهش له في كل عام دورة 114 إذا نزل برج من البروج

101 D, B, M: والبلايا
102 D, B, M add وهلاك الناس.
103 D, B: وبحرًا بالجوع with D only adding a small illustration of 4 stars.
104 D, B, M: طلع.
105 Illegible words completed by D, B, M.
106 D, B: بطلوته.
107 D, B: وغرق.
108 D, B, M: مثهد.
109 D, B: إذا حل.
110 D, B: كانت سن مبارك.
112 D, B: هرمس النواصر.
113 D, B, M: النواصر.
114 M: ويطغى وينقطع.
115 D, B, M omit اللون.
116 D, B, M add البلاية.
117 D, B add: واحدة.
و لد لصاحبه هم و بكبة و وقوف بين يدي سلطان ظالم غاشم و وساه بطل موس (المظلم) 

و هذه صفته

[one star]

و ستة كواكب مشرقة متاحة من الجنوب حسب الرتبة لهم عند كل عشرة سنين دورة وانتقال (من برج) إلى برج إذا حالما لم تكن سنة عدل واصف وسوار عند جميع الناس وروّن كل خير من وؤلة أو رهم وقضاءهم ولهما دلال إلى الخير معرفية وساهما (الهرم المستمدة) وهذا صورتهم

[six stars, a row of four above a row of two (in A); in D, B, M: two rows of three stars]

وك كان في مجرى الفساد عند التواع خفيف لا يكاد ان يحيط بهما البصر ولا يدركهما يخفيفان وينذوان وهم صمدا لم يخلق في برج الثور إلا كان صاحبه في سعود أربعين سنة سنا هرمس الراكبين وهذه صورتهما (الكوكب في كل اثنان عشر سنة)، وقطبان

و كوكب في مجرى زحل في العلو وعلى بهما (سمتهما) يحكي: لون سهل خلوي يعرف بالزمان و وساه هرمس القائد وايضا الرامي له نور إذا مطلع وشعاع في

18 D: أو رث لصاحبه هم و وم M: أو رث لصاحبه هم و وم

19 D: B: السلطان وهو كوكب

20 Missing word completed by D, B, M.

21 D, B: شره ما

22 Missing words completed by D, B, M.

23 D, B, M: خلوا

24 D, B, M: كان في تلك

25 M omits.

26 D, B, M: omit كل و هذه صورتنهما and the diagram of two stars.

27 D, B, M: omit كل.

28 D, B, M: add: هذه صورتنهما and a diagram of two stars.

29 D, B: وككان

30 B omits.

31 M: سمنه D, B: بسنمه.

32 D, B, M: يجاب

33 D, B, M: نور وشعاع اذا مطلع
لا يُنظر إلى الأفق عظيم وله ذواة خلفه نحو ١٣٨ سنة مائة ذراع يطلع في كل مائة سنة سعد١٣٩ يصدع بالفرح والسُّرور مبارك١٣٢ وهذه صورته

[fig. 1.7, no. 001]

وكوكب آخر يعرف بكوكب الذنب يطلع مشرق على رأس مائة سنة١٣٨ وسعب سنين يولد الوباء والقتل والغلاء أحمر١٣٩ اللون إلى السواد١٤٠ وإذا غرب ثلاثي وله ثلاث ذواة وهذه صورته

[fig. 1.7, no. 002]

وكوكب آخر يعرف بالوقاد وعلى ذنب وشعبة طويلة لا يرى الكوكب١٤١ من عظم شعبته بل يرى نوراً ممتد١٤٢ على الفلك يظهر في أوان الشتاء في ليليا الرعد والبرق بين السحاب أيض يكون ظهوره١٤٣ عند رأس كل خمسين سنة وهذه صورته

[fig. 1.7, no. 003]

وكوكبان متجاسيان يعرفان بالمعتدين لهم ذنب لطيف يرمي باللذاب والشر ويرفع بأبلية الحمل إذا طلع أمام سبعية أيام ثم يعودان فيطلعان١٤٥

١٣٤ D, B: وله
١٣٥ M: من
١٣٦ D, B, M: مبارك
١٣٧ D, B, M: مبارك
١٣٨ D, B: منه
١٣٩ D, B: وهو
١٤٠ M: إلى سواد: omitted in D, B.
١٤١ D, B, M: أو له
١٤٢ D, B: له شعبه
١٤٣ D, B: الكوكب
١٤٤ M: ممتد
١٤٥ D, B, M: والمطر
١٤٦ M: رأسه
١٤٧ D, B, M: فيفيان
يعدان فيطلبان كذك أربعين سنة، ويتكون طلوعهما عند رأس كل أربعين سنة يدلال
على الخصب 148 والخير والرخاء إذا كانت خاصة في إقبال الشهر 149، وهي برج الحوت وهذه
صورتهم

[fig. 1.7, no. 004]

وكعب سياه هرم الرخ = الراحم27، له أيضاً ثلاث ذوائف متقررة إذا أطع النكما
في الملوك وخاصة في ملك البلد الذي هو في إقليمه ويدل على الخراب والوداء وقتل
النفس والخلايا والحروب والغلاء وقلة الماء، وفساد الزرع والصبر = والبيض ولا
سيما إذا طلع في برج المريج أو في مقابلته أو تزامنه وإذا كانت الزهرة أيضاً معه دل
على أرذال الناس وأو باشهم يطولون ويضدون أكثر مما يصلحون من المنكر والقصب
(وهذا) كانت هابطة والرجاء بعيداً، أو ساقطة، كانت الأموات تكسس 156 ما ذكرناه من الخير
والهدوء، وهذه صورته

[fig. 1.7, no. 005]

فهذه 158 جميع ما ذكره هرم من الكواكب ذوات الدواى والتي تقطع (في المواريد)
وتبث الأفعال منها 160 حيث لا يشعر بها وتصلح من حيث لا يعلم بها 161 ثانوية وعشرة
كوكب كل (كوكب تظهر) 162 لذوابة فإن كان قدام الشمس كان [ = كانت] 160 الدواية

148 D, B: على الحشر، والخصب
149 D, B, M: على الأشهر
150 D, B, M: الراحم
151 D, B: الراحم
152 D, B: ملك
153 Omitted in D, B: ملك
154 D, B, M: يكلا
155 Illegible letters completed by D, M.
156 D, B, M: يكلا
157 D, B: على السحر والهديد
158 D, B, M: هذا
159 Illegible words completed by D, M.
160 D, B, M: من حسب
161 D, B: يكلا
162 D adds: وهي بوضاحة بوضاحة
163 D, B: على
164 Illegible words completed by D, B, M.
165 D, B: لله
166 D, B, M: كانت.
قدامه وان كان [168] خلف الشمس كان [169] فماهيه ها ظهر في الغرب مد ذواته الى الشرق لأنه من الشمس تظهر ما هي
وان ظهر شيء منها في الطريق المحترقة كان شعاعه اعظم وأكبر وأسرع انقضا [169]
واقرب مدته يضحل وان كان في حاشيته [170] المجرة مجرة الشمس اعني منطقة
فلك البروج الشمالية أري بيث ظاهر او ره من الظهور مقام منقلب [171]
وينزل وان كان في الجنوب فإنه لا يرى إلا يسير ولا يكاد يقيم 174.

167 M: كانت.
168 D, B, M: كانت.
169 انقتاض.
170 D, B, M: حاشية.
171 D, B, M omit فلك.
172 M: في الشمال أرى مينا: B: في الشمال أرى مينا.
173 D, B, M: يقلب
174 M adds B: والله أعلم بالصواب. B: والله أعلم بالحقيقة: D: والله وعلم. MS B ends at this point
(B fol. 134b11) the sections from the Book One, but continues in the next line with the first chapter of the Book Two.
الفصل الثامن: في حالات الكوكب العلوي

وأفعالها وخصائصها ومقدار أجرامها ومنحنى صورها مع اختلاف أسبابها

فسن ذلك زحل واسمه بالفارسية كيوان وبالهندية كینا وباليونانية إبماتاس

[»إبماتاس] وبالروسية إرلنوس [»إرلنوس] وبالهندية العذب [»] وهو كوكب

ذكر نفس زوج نهاري يفرح في الثاني عشر ونوره من خلفه ومن قدمه تبع درج

وكله الفلك الأول ووردنيته عشرة [سنين] وسنينه الكبرى سبعة وخمسين سنة

والوسطي ثلثين سنة والصغرى ثمانية عشر سنة ونصف وشربه في الميزة في أحد

وعشرين درجة وهبته في الحمل في احد وعشرين درجة وله من خلق الإنسان

الأذن البي mj والطحال)، والكليتين والشعر والأست والمصاصين والظلام ومن الأخلاء

الذب ومن المذاقات والأطعمة ماكان طعمه شنعب كالهيلوقة وما أشباه ذلك وله من

الأجسام الحديد ومن الأوان الصفرة الصافية ومن الطيب كل شيء عميق ومن المذاقات

الملوحة ومن اللباس الأسود والأحمر ومن الورحس الفيلة والقردة والذئاب والخنازير

والأكراس [»الكرافش] والسنانية [»السنان] ومن الطير [»القبان] والقراب والعقاب

والأركوان وكل طائر طويل العنق وطبعه الحمامة وأنين والبرد والثلج والبيض وله

1 MS A fol. 16v; MS M fol. 50v; MS D fol. 44v. This chapter is not preserved in MS B. In copy D, at the
beginning of each discourse on a planet, a later hand has copied into the margins an unidentified brief commentary, each
beginning: . . . شرح ذكر دوران ان

2 D, M: الإبماتاس

3 D, M: إرلنوس

4 D, M: بالروسية

5 A: العذب D: الغدب M: الغرب

6 D: محرر

7 D, M: السنين

8 D, M: DISPENS

9 D: عشرات

10 D, M: الطحال والأذن البي

11 M: الكافش D: الكافش

12 D, M: السنان

13 M adds: بالكلاب السود D adds: بالكلاب السود

14 D, M: الطيور

15 D omits له.
من الأرض الجبال والصخر والحزون ومن الأشجار كل مر ومتنين
16 الراحلة والذي يتولاه من التدبيرات ويجن في عمارة الأرضين والقفار وحفر الآبار والأنهار واتباع الكراع
وله من الأيام 18 السبعة ساعة الأولى 19 والثامنة 20 من الأقلاع إقليم الهند والسودان
وعلى البحر وابل وأرض فارس وخراسان والعراق
واذا ولد [21 ولدت 22] السنة به كثر التنانين والعقارب والثعالب والأرباب والحلد
والنافذ وكل جنس يظهر بالليل والغالف على طبعه البرد والبيس بعد 23 فلكه من حرارة
الشمس وبعده من رطوبة بحار الأرض 24 وهو في ذلك الكواكب الثامنة 25 وليس له شيء من الكواكب
ومسيره من المغرب إلى المشرق ودوره للفلك 26 في كل ثلاثة سنة دورة ومقدار
فلكه من الأرض ثمانية عشر ألف ألف فرخ وتسعون ألف فرخ 27 وثمانين وعشرة
فرخ فهو في المشتري في العظم والذي يحيط بجمره من الفراخ ستة عشر ألف
وثلاثة اثنين وتسعين فرخًا و يكون مقداره مثل الأرض أحد وتسعين مرة والله في
برج السرطان وهو يعادى الشمس والمشتري والمريج ويهمي الزهرة 32

16 D omits: كل مر ومتنين
17 D: بالأيار
18 M adds: يوم
19 M adds: أول ساعة D: D: D:
20 D: M omit: له
21 M: ولد ولدت 22 D: ولدت
23 M: كثرت
24 D: الرطوبة بحار الأرض
25 D: M add: فلكه
26 M: الفلك
27 M adds: واحدة
28 D adds: ألف
29 D omits: فرخ
30 D: M add: فرخ
31 A: يعادى; omitted in D and M.
32 The text from الزهرة 10 ونبله is not in M or D.
المشتری واسمه بالفارسیه هرمز و بالهندیه الغار [الفا ز] ۳۳ وبالرومانی زمرداوش [۳۴] وبالرومانی و بالبیونی [۳۵] بوطرسو فاکب سعید ذکر فردی نهاری بفرح در الحادی عشر و نویز من خلفه و قدمه به درج و هوی درنیکن فردارتنیان اثنا عشر سنة و سیلوه کلیبر تسوه و سبعین سنا و والوستی خسما وأربعین سنة والصفری اثنا عشر سنة


۳۳ D, M: الفارس
۳۴ D, M: زمرداووش
۳۵ D, M: باليونی
۳۶ Missing word completed by D, M.
۳۷ D, M: مینه
۳۸ D, M: والحر
۳۹ D, M: المصربات
۴۰ D, M: وزریا
۴۱ D: الأشعرا
۴۲ D: مکار
۴۳ M: وسیم به D وسیمه
۴۴ M, D: تسوه
۴۵ D, M: واسیدا
۴۶ D, M: ما يخلا
۴۷ D, M: النعمات

BOOK ONE, CHAPTER 8

[16b]
سعادته لأهل الحمرة في رقه٥٤ وينت أهل اليد في رقه٥٤ والغالب على طبه
الاعتدال وحسن المزاج وفلكه من [إلى] ٥٠ فلك زحل والريح بين الطبيعة المحترقة
والطبيعة المبردة٥١ وخاصة قوته في نفسه الدفأ ولذلك هو سبباً للنشوء [الباحي] ٥٣
الرياح الملحة المبتدئة ٥١
وحذره من المغرب إلى الشرق وهو يدور الفلك في كل أثنا عشر سنة دورة واحدة
وقدماه بعد فلكه من الأرض ثلث عشر ألف ألف٥٥ وخمسون ألف٥٥ وأحد وأربعون
ألف٥٥ وأربعون بنغرا وهو بعج الكواكب الثابتة في العظم ومقدار ما يليك يبرمها
ستة عشر ألف٥٥ وسبعه وثامنة فراشخ وهو مثل الأرض خمسة وسبعين مرة
ودلاته على الدين والعبادة والمعرفة [التحف] ٥٠ والزهاب والسياحة
والصين الذهبي والجمال والهدى والصمت وأعمال القضاء والوزراء [إلى] ٥٠ والمياء
وإضف الناس والهيبة والرخامة والبر والحمدة٥٤ والثناء وحسن الإيمان في الخير وكثرة
الولد ٥٣ والمال والجوهر النقيس والعلم والحلم وجودة الرأي وأشد ما يكون سعودًا إذا
نزل برج الحوت ووافق القمر في الليل٥٤

٥٤ D, M ترشحها: زرقه
٥٥ D, M ترشحها: زرقه
٥٦ D, M بين
٥٧ D, M البادية
٥٨ D, M أكثر
٥٩ D, M لرشح
٦٠ D, M الملحة المبتدئة D: [الباحي] ٥٣
٦١ D, M ترشحها
٦٢ D ترشحها
٦٣ D, M الألواح
٦٤ D, M يوافق القمر في الليل

[92]
المرج والاسم بالفارسية هرام والرومية الأرس والهندية الباهي والبيانية بياطوس

[بياطوس] وهو كوكب نصب أبي زوج ليلى يفرح في الساعد ويفرح في نوره من خلقه وقدمته ثم دير وفلكه الثالث وفراية [فراديت] سبع سنين وستة الكرى سنة وستين سنة والوسطي أربعين سنة ونصف الصغرى خمسة عشر سنة وشتره في الجدي في ثمانية وعشرين درجة وهو خمه في السرطان في ثمانية وعشرين درجة


65 D: أرس
66 M: النايف
67 M: بياطوس
68 M omits زوج
69 M: من
70 M: فراديتا
71 M adds سنة
72 M adds إنه
73 D, M: وبيبا وبار
74 D, M: الغضب
75 D, M: والدم
76 D, M: الأحر
77 D, M: مكروه
78 A, M: العضابات
79 A, D: داني وداني. The reading داني (near, close-by) makes no sense.
80 D, M: والنار
81 M: القواد
82 A, M: الطبيب، D: الطبيب. The reading lightness, frivolity, unsteadiness), makes no sense; nor does the reading of copy D.
83 M adds وترحل، D adds ورحل.
وتحية [就不会] الزهرة وتغضه بقية الكوكب وإذا ولدت السنة بالمريخ تكر الكبار والذئاب وبنى أوي وفهد ورحوش الذي يأكل اللحم وطبيعة المريخ الاحتراق والبيس للنارئية التي في لوته ولترى من الشمس فإن فلكها تحته وهو يبلو فلك المشترى ومسيره من الغرب إلى الشرق وهو يدور في كل سنة ونصف دورة واحدة ومقدار بعد فلكه من الأرض ثمانية ألف ألف واربعة آلاف وعشرون ألف وسبعة وتسعم وخمس وهو يلي زحل في العظم ومقدار ما يحيط بحمره من النفاخ أربعة آلاف وثمانين وستين وخمس وهو مثل الأرض مرة واحدة ونصف ثم ن ويدل على الأعمال الدينية كالقضاء والحدادة والصناعة [ = والصبايخ والطباخين والخباش وطلب الدعارة والسراة = الزعارة والشطرة] [= البروح] [النارية] لأنها من شكله فيفي فيها ودشها وأشرها برجد الأسد لقوة بطشه والزهرة تغض المريخ وهو يوده [ واحد] والمرح تقوي [ واحد] في المغرب لأنه كوكب أثني ويدله على الشر والكذب والنفحة والساعية والمجر [ واحد] والظلم

84 D, M: وتحية
85 M: ومنا وا D: ومنا أوي
86 M: وطبيعة المرح الاحتراق: D: وطبيعة له الأطراف
87 D: النارية
88 D, M add الفلك
89 D, M add في
90 D, M add في
91 D, M add ألف
92 D, M add ألف
93 M adds في D adds في
94 D, M add مرة
95 D: وهو يدل
96 D, M: والساعية
97 D, M: الزعارة والشطرة
98 D, M: البروج
99 D omits وهو يوده
100 D: وهو
101 D: وهو
102 D, M omit بالمجر.
الشم واسمه بالفارسية مهر وبالرومية الملوس [= إيليوس] بالهندية السريفي

الشريف،[104] وهو 106 سعد ذكر زوج نهاري وفرحها في التسعون نورها من خلف
وقدام خمسة عشر درجة وشرفها في الحمل تسعه عشر درجة[107] وهوظتها في الميزان
تسعه عشر درجة[109] ووالاتها في الدلو وتتلي [= ويتولى] من جسد الإنسان العصب
واللحم والشحم والعين الليث والدماغ والرأس والشعر
ولها من الألوان الصفراء ومن الطعوم الحمراء [= الحرفية] ومن الأسماق الذهب
وتخت وتمطر الغراء ولها من الطيب المسك ومن الأطعمة العسل ويؤلفها من الباس
الفرند الأصغر وتتولى من الوجوه الأسود والذئاب والصابع [= والصابع]
والإيائل وهي مخلوقة من النحر الأعظم ولها من المعادن الذهب ومن الشجر العظام
ذوات الأغصان وتعادي[114] كل الكواكب إلا المريخ فانه لا صديق ولا عدو وتصادق
المشتري وتدفع تدبيرها إلى المريخ والمشتري وحل[116] وتفرج في الموائد النهارية في
البروج المذكورة
وتاريخها القوة والغلبة والسومة والقليل ومسيرها في كل ثلثين يومًا برح وفيها حر
وبهاء وتولى من المنازل[117] الملك والأشراف والعظام والأمراء ولها معادن الذهب
والجوهر ومن الطيور النسور والبازات والبارغش وتعطي الحرارة في يابس والغبرة
في حمرة لو[ لنها] [119] أصغر وطعمها حريف

103 D, M: مهر
104 D, M: إيليوس
105 A: الشريف
106 D, M: وهي
107 D, M: تفرح
108 M adds منه
109 M adds منه
110 D, M: وتتلي
111 D, M: الأعين
112 M: الحرفية
113 A, D, M: الصباع
114 D: تعادي
115 D omits
116 D: وحل
117 D, M: من الأفعال
118 M: ولغبره
119 Missing letters completed by D, M.
أو إذا نظرت من سعد أعطت المولد سنو الآلهة الأمينة وعشرون سنة ولها من
الحب ما يؤثر به الرأس [ يزير بالرأس ] ومن طبع الشمس الشمس والوضع في أيامه
وذلك على المتوسط الأفلاك السبعة ثلاثة من فوق وثلاثة من تحتها ومسيرها في كل يوم
درجة والفلك الأعلى يديرها من الشرق إلى الغرب وبعد فلك الشمس
من الأرض
ألف ألف
ولما ألف فرسخ وألف وسعبون فرسخ والدي ينبعث بجمهورا
عشرين ألف
وتباع مائة وثمانين فرسخ ينها في العظم خمسة عشر كWhere
الزهرة واسمها اليونانية كيفاتوس وبالفارسية
مندخت وشبهانية اباهند
وابهة وهرية اباهند
[ إاناها ] وبالرومية إالوديتا وهي سعد أبي فرد لبيلة تفرح في الحائط ونورها
من خلفها وما الإمام [ = وقدمهما ] سبع جميل وهي في الفلك الحائط وفردريتيمانية
وسوها الكبرى اثنين وثمانين سنة ووسطية خمسة وأربعين سنة والصغرى ثلاث سنوات
وشرفها في اليوت في سبعة وعشرين درجة
وهبوطها في السبعة في سبعة وعشرين درجة
وبيتي وبالوا العقرب والحمل
ولها من بدن الإنسان المثانة والمنحر الأسر والشهوة والذكرى والشحم ومن الأفعال
الفرح واللهم والعناء والطبور ومن الأوان الطرب [ = الياض ] ومن الطلوم
الدم ومن المعادن الشبة وتحسس وتصر بأهل الياض ولها من الزهرة [ و ] الورد

\[120\] D, M: يزير بالرأس
\[121\] D, M: إبانها
\[122\] D: وعرفها
\[123\] D, M adds: ونورها
\[124\] D adds: من الفراش
\[125\] M adds: ونورها
\[126\] M adds: وكبيرة بحث: D also adds: يكونوها في جرمها وعلى هيئتها وهي أوسط الأفلاك السبعة
\[127\] M: وبالرومية
\[128\] A, D, M: اباهند
\[129\] A: آما والروية: D, M: إلوديتا
\[130\] D, M: من خلفها وما الإمام
\[131\] D: وفردريتيمانية: M: وفرادريتها ثمانية سنين
\[132\] M: منه
\[133\] D, M add: منه
\[134\] D: الأفعال المهم والطبور والعناء والفرح
\[135\] D, M: الياض
\[136\] D: الطعام
\[137\] D, M: الزهر الورد
عطارد واسمه بالفارسية تير، وبالهندية الراحي. وهو كوكب ممزوج الطبع، ذكر مع الذكور أنيث مع الإناث، يحب مع النحوس. سعد السعود وفرحه في الطالع ونوره من خلفه وقدامه نيب من لصق سعد، وهو في الفلك السادس وفردارته عشر سنين وستون الكبري سنة وسبعين سنة، والمسطح ثمانية وأربعين سنة والصغرى عشر سنين سنة.

وشرائه في السبلة خمسة عشر درجة، وبوذة في الحوت والقوس، وله الكر والحديدة وينوي من الجسد (و) الطحال، والمنخر الأيمن والمرارة والذين، والعصب ويجب ويجب وينى لما، وله من الأجسام الزبدة، ويكب ويعادي الحمراء في زرقة، وله من الطبق الفرمل وثول من الواح، الأعز.

الله يتعشاد من الطيار المعاقب والهداه والقناة والفواحة والوراشين وكل طير آخر بيضاء وأوسود بعطرة، وله من الهواء السوس والذباب والصرامير، وخلقته من سائر الطبقات وهو يدفع تديره إلى كل الكوكب إلا القمر وهو يقع مع الشمس من المشترق ومع القمر من المغرب وستون سنو الحياة (التامة).  

159 D, M: [نير
160 D, M: [واحة
161 D, M: [أرس
162 D, M: [الطبائع
163 M: [وضع
164 D: [ليب درجة
165 D: [أربعين
166 D, M: [بسمة
167 M: [هن
168 D, M: [بسمة
169 M: [درجة وبيتي وآية القوس والحوت: D: [درجة مني وبيتي وآية القوس والحوت
170 D: [من الجسد الطحال: M: [من جسد الإنسان الطحال
171 D: [والذين: M: [والذين
172 D: [و: M: [و
173 D, M: [الحوش
174 D, M: [الآخر
175 M: [الصرامير
176 Completed by M only.

ودلاته على العقل والدين والمنطق وتعدل الأمور 193 واستباط العلم والكتب والبلاغات والشعر والخطب والصناعات الحكيمة كالطب والنجوم والهندسة والمساحة وكتب الخراج و[من] الصنائع الدقيقة والنقشة [النقشة] 195 والمرومة وهو

177 D: M: تأيیده
178 D: M: الطين
179 D: M: و في الزق
180 D: M: omit من
181 D: كهر
182 M: D: ابتسامات D: كفر
183 M: D: كفر
184 A: D: الحمد
185 D: M: omit من
186 D: M: في كل
187 D: M: واحد
188 D: M: add رحبة
189 D: M: add رحبة
190 D: M: جزء
191 D: M: جزء
192 D: M: والمنطق وتعدل الأمور
193 M: الطين
194 D: M: omit من
195 D: M: من
196 D: M: من
صديق المريخ وهو يوافقه في بيته [يبيسه] وجلته ويزن في أذهبه وعقله وعطارد يوافق الزهرة والقمر إذا كان هابطا في فلكه وهو من كواكب الأفقارت
القمر اسمه بالفارسية ماه وبالرومية فائض 199 وبالهندية ساح [ساح؟] 200 والبوتانية موطوس 201 وهو يعدّ أثني عشر فردّ ليل يفرح في الثالث ونوره من خلفه وفدته أثنا عشر درجة وفلكه في 203 السبع وفندريته تسع سنين وسنه الكبرى مائة وثمانية والوسطني تسعة وثلاثين ونصف والصغير خمسة وعشرين سنة وشرفة في الثور ثلاث درج وهبته في العقرب ثلاث درج ووباله في الجدي 208 وله من الأحوال الكلام ومن جسد الإنسان الرئة والعين البصر والمخ والقلب والجديد ويجب من الألوان البيض إذا كان ممتلكاً من نوره والأسرم إذا كان تأقدماً وضعمه الملوحة وتولى من المعادن الفضة ونض وبيض بالصغر في الخضره وه من الطيب كل شيء طيب ومن الأطعمة الزبد والسمن 209
وتولى من الوحش والذكور والرقة والصناجدة دابة تكون في النيل والبغال والكلاب والبراذن الشهاب والضمور والطيور الجليلة والمائية 210 البيض منها والسنانير والخطاطيف ويوافقه من اللباس الأحمر والأبيض وخلطته من النور الرطيب وهو حار بارد [لين] 212 وتأييد فيه الأخبار والبرد والكتب والرسائل 213 وتولى المياة

197 D omits وهو
198 D, M: يبيسه
199 D, M: قابس
200 D, M: الساح
201 D: موطوس  M: موطوس
202 M omits في
203 M: وفندريته
204 D: في تلث
205 D, M add منه
206 D, M: في تلث
207 D, M add منه
208 D: في برح الجدي M: ويوبيت وباله الجدي
209 D, M omit وتولى من المعادن الفضة ... والسمن
210 D: المائية  M: بالمائية
211 D: من نور رطيب
212 D, M: لين
213 D: adds وتولى من المعادن الفضة ونض وبيض بالصغر في الخضره وه من الطيب كل شيء طيب وه من الأطعمة الزبد والسمن وتولى من المعادن الفضة ونض وبيض بالصغر في الخضره وه من الطيب كل شيء طيب ومن الأطعمة الزبد والسمن

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\[\text{\footnotesize 234 D, M add وَجَّهَ} \]

\[\text{\footnotesize 235 Missing word completed by D and M, which then add وَجَّهَ} \]

\[\text{\footnotesize 236 M: جَوَّى; D: جَوِّى} \]

\[\text{\footnotesize 237 D, M: جَزَّى} \]

\[\text{\footnotesize 238 D: وهو الذي فتح البحار; M: وهو الذي فتح البحار} \]

\[\text{\footnotesize 239 M adds وَقَالَهُ ابْنِهُ وَأَحْمَمٌ; D adds وَقَالَهُ ابْنِهُ وَأَحْمَمٌ} \]
الفصل التاسع في ذكر المنازل القمرية وأحوالها

وخصائص أفعالها مع شرح أئمته وبوارحها وصورها وعيوقاتها

فأولها الشرطان وسمي النطح وهو ثلاثة كواكب شكلها شكل با مقلاية اثنان خفيفان جنوبيان وأخر أحمض في العظم الثالث واللذي معيه في العظم الخامس والأخير شهيم أحمض في العظم الثالث

وعيوق هذه المنزلة الردن وهو كوكب على نجم الثيرى ويطلع معه من ناحية الشام نجم يقال له الخصاص كبير من كواكب المثلثة ومرفق الثيرى وهو أحمض مضيء من ناحية الجنوب الضفدع الأول وسمي الكلب وهو في العظم الأول على قدم الليل اليسرى ويُطلق عن له البقرهكة بنات نعش ومعها كوكب كبير مضيء يقال له العز وهو يسبق النطح في الطيوع وهذه صورة الجمع

[fig. 1.8, diagram I]

الجنوب [I, 1]
العز [I, 2]
البقر [I, 3]

1 MS A, fol. 18a; MS M, fol. 59b; MS D, 53a. Only the first three descriptions of lunar mansions are given in copies M and D. In M (fol. 59b–60b) they form the body of the text, while in D (margins of fol. 53b–54b) they are written in the margins as a commentary (sharḥ) to the body of the text (fols. 53a–76a), which consists of extensive extracts from Ibn Qutaybah and not the Book of Curiosities, though the title in D (fol. 53a–54) is identical to that in copy A.

2 MS A, fol. 18a; D: أئمته.

3 D: شرح الشرطان، الشرطان مثلاة.

4 D omits أحمض.

5 D: وهو يطلع الخصاص.

6 M, D: الخصاص.

7 D omits من.

8 M, D: الغبر.

9 D adds يطلع في الثالث والعشرين من برمودة وهو اليوم الثامن عشر من نيسان. M adds يعلم شرح هذه المنزلة.

10 D: وهذه صورتها.
البيطين ثم يطلع البيطين وهو ثلاث كفاب مثل الاثنين وتماثلهما مضئي العظام الرابع والثاني
خفبان وهم يلمعان قبل المضيء بعضهم
وعيوقة هذه المنزلة من ناحية الشيال مكب الارضية وهم تمحون متقاربان ويطلع
نجم يقال له الرحم [البرجس] مضيء الى جانب نجم صغير ويطلع عناقة الارض
ويسى المستحصف نجم [نجم] مضيء وتطلع المرحلة [أربعة كفاب] صغير مربعة
ويرفع [ويطلع] من الجنوب الصنف الثاني [الأول] كفاب مضيء في
العظام الثاني على قدم [الدلو اليمنى] ويدعى الراعي وهو على المشط
ويطلع 21 مكب الري الجنوبي ويسى كف الجنوبي [الجذاماء] وهو كفاب صغير بينهما قادر

11 M: الثامن عشر
12 D: شرح البيطين: ثم البيطين
13 M, D: البرجس
14 D: وهو نجم
15 D: المرحلة
16 M, D: ويطلع
17 D: الأول
18 D: كفاب أيض مضيء
19 D: وهو على مشط قدم
20 D omits: وهو على المشط
21 D: ويطلع
22 D: الجذاماء
ذراع يطلع من مطلع سهل نجم يقال له الوزن ومعه نجمان صغيران يقال لهما ميزانه 23 وهذه صورة الجمع 24 •

[fig. 1.8, diagram II]

الجنوب [II, 1]
الوزن [II, 2]
الميزان [II, 3]
البطين [II, 4]
المتكب [II, 5]
المرجة [II, 6]
عانق الأرض [II, 7]
الشمال [II, 8]
الشمال [II, 9]
الثني [II, 10]

وطلع البطين والسادس من بشن والثاني من شهر أيار

الثريا 25 وتطلع الثريا 26 نجم قريبة من ستة [وشبيه] 27 الساحلية مجتمعة في شكل مثلث متساوي الساقين وطلع من موضعهما العريض وتهيج منه 28 ثم تطلع معروية إلى الشمال من الشرتين والبطين

وطلع معهما من ناحية الشمال العيدوق وهو كوكب مرضي في العظم الأول وعلى كتف ماسك العنان الأيسر وهما 30 نجمان صغيران يقال لهما رجلا العيدوق وطلع معه العائص وهو نجم ليس بالمضيء قريب من الثريا

23 M: يطلع في السادس من بشن وهو اليوم الأول من أيار
24 D: 설명
25 D: يطل
26 D: وهو ستة
27 M adds: وشبيه
28 D: في
29 D: وهو على
30 D omits
31 D: رجلا
ويطلع من ناحية الجنوب نحو مجمعه يقال لها الپرت وأما سُمي ماسک الأعنة بهذا
الاسم لأنها تكون فيها بين برج التزمان والدرب الأكبر ثم يطلع من ورائها إلى الشمال
والنَّاسد ولا يكون من ورائها صورة شالية فكان كنابها بين الصورة [= الصورة] الشمالة
المنزلة وعیقاتها.

[fig. 1.8, diagram III]

الجنوب [III, 1]
الجهش [III, 2]
الترية [III, 3]
العناق [III, 4]
المستحصفل [III, 5]
العيوق [III, 6]
رجل العيوق [III, 7]
الشمال [III, 8]

تطلع الترية اليوم التاسع عشر من بشنوس وهو الرابع عشر من أيار [III, 9]

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32 M omits برج.
33 M: الصورة
34 D omits سها.
35 M: والمس Y: الاسم. The name of the astrologer Vettius Valens was commonly written in Arabic as Wālīs, though
other forms also occur, such as Fālīs and Bālīs; see Ullmann 1972, 281–2; Sezgin, GAS VII, 38–41.
36 M, D: يفتحها.
37 M, D: الكوكب
38 D, M: شيطانًا.
39 M adds وبالمس وهو الرابع عشر من أيار.
40 D omits وهذه صورة المنزلة وعیقاتها. In copies M (fol. 61b8) and D (fol. 54b margin) there is no accompanying
diagram and the chapter ends at this point. The text in these copies resumes with the discourse on winds in Chapter
Ten (M fol. 61b8 and D fol. 76a).
الديران ثم يطلع الدبران وهو سبعة أَنْقِمَت تشبه الدبال واحد منها أَحَر مَضيء في العظم الأول واسمها إن الثور وقلب الثور والتالع وهو في العظم الأول وعَيْوَقَة من الشهال مسار [مَيَّسَان] [41] الملك ويطلع معه من ناحية النجم نجم كبيرة فيهما عوِجاج تسمى القلائص متفرقة وتطلع من ناحية الجنوب نجم مَصْطَفْنة يقال لها البقر مؤخره مُصِبَ الماء كِرب في العظم الثالث وبين الثور والدبران نجم كأَنهما مَتَزَقَان يقال لهما الصمعة [الضيقة] وأَول ما يطلع من الدبران طرف الدلال وآخر ما يطلع منها المضيء عَبَيْه مسار [مَيَّسَان] [الملك].

[fig. 1.8, diagram IV]

الدّيران [IV, 1]
البق [IV, 2]
الدبران [IV, 3]
القلائص [IV, 4]
منشار الملك [مَيَّسَان] [IV, 5]
الشمال


[41] See MS CB, fol. 6a (in map for Lunar Mansion V), where the reading مَيَّسَان is clear.
وتطلع من ناحية اليمن نجوم مستمرة تسمى العطاء وتحتها نجوم يقال لها المكاي وهما
نجمان أحمران شبيهة بالنجم وهذه صورهم:

[19a]

[fig. 1.8, diagram V]

الجنوب
[V, 1]
سهيل حثار [= سهل حضر] [V, 2]
The
[V, 3]
المكاي
[V, 4]
النجم
[V, 5]
الهقعة
[V, 6]
الناف
[V, 7]
الهوام [= المرام]
[V, 8]
الأعلام
[V, 9]
منشار الملك [= ميسان الملك]
[V, 10]
الشمال
[V, 11]

tطلع [الهقعة] اليوم [الفماس عشر] من [بؤرة والتسامي من حزيران
الهقعة وتمسح المحبه [= التحية] وهي خمس كوكب في نkj الملك وأول ما يظهر
منها النجمان المعطوفان وانغيفهما الى الشمالي والمغرب ويطلع معها من ناحية الشأم
ذراع الأسد المبسوطة
من ناحية اليمن محمب [= المحنط] وهو كوكب مضيء مطلعه أسلف من مطلع
سهيل اليمني وجزء من الناس يقذرون نه سهل وهو يطلع جانب منه فلاجل ذلك سمي
المحنه وتطلع الشرى المفصص وهي الشامية تج مضمى وسريع الجوزاء وأحد
الظليمين الكبيرين وهي ثلاثة أخجم
وعيوق الرابع من المحبه [= التحية] الأعلى والذراع والعيدق الخامس الأسفل من
الذراع والذراع كيان وهذه صور الجمع.
الجنوب
المكايين
سهيل المحنث
الظلان
رجل الجبار
الفقار (الفقار)
الخطبة (الخطبة)
قائد الخطبة
 الشمال
تقطع الهنئة اليوم الثامن والعشرين من بونة وهو الثاني والعشرين من
حرزان
الذراع المبوضة وهي اليائية وهما نجتان بينهما في المنظر مقدار ذراع ويطلع معها من
ناحية الشمال الأخاف والقدر والغرفة (المعرفة) وآخر سير يناثي نعش وهو الشامي من المقدم
فقطع من ناحية الجنوب الشري العبور وهو نجم مضيء في العظم الأول ومعه نجم
يقال له مرزمه يسمى كلب الجبار والكلاب والذئاب يكلب عند طلوعه وهذه صورة
المزيلة وعوائقها

الجنوب
الظلان
[VI, 1]
[VI, 2]
[VI, 3]
[VI, 4]
[VI, 5]
[VI, 6]
[VI, 7]
[VI, 8]
[VI, 9]
[VI, 10]
[fig. 1.8, diagram VI]
[fig. 1.8, diagram VII]
[VI, 1]
[VI, 2]
[VI, 3]
[VI, 4]
[VI, 5]
[VI, 6]
[VI, 7]
[VI, 8]
[VI, 9]
[VI, 10]
يطلع الذراع في اليوم الحادي عشر من أبيب وهو اليوم الخامس من تموز.

النرة ثم تطلع النرة وتسمى المعلق وهو كوكب عملي من봅سطكانه السحاب وهو لطخة تكوّن على صدر السرطان بين كوكبي يدعوان الحمارين أحدهما السرطان البني والأخر عينه اليسرى والنرة خارجة عنها إلى الجنوب قليلاً ويطلع معها من ناحية الشبال أحد

الثعالب أو نعّم أياني ومن الجنوب الغربي وهم خمسة نجوم وغيّر النرة

النورة

الثعالب

الثعالب

الثعالب

الثعالب

الثعالب

الثعالب

الثعالب

الثعالب
الشال | [VIII, 9]
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سرير | بنات نعش | [VIII, 10]

الشال | [VIII, 11]

تطلع النترة في الرابع والعشرين من أيّام وهو اليوم الثامن عشر من تموز

الطرف | [VIII, 12]

الطرف ثم تطلع الطرف وهم نُمّان معترضان على طرف عين الأسّد الجنوبي منهما

أكبر اضتاء (= إضاءة) من الشال وهي في العظم الثالث ويطلع معها من ناحية الشال

معين بنا نعش ومن ناحية الجنوب بلدة الثعلب وهي أربعة أنجم مصطفى مجمعة

وعيقوها العدد (= العذرة؟) وهي ثمانية أنجم وطعّواها على صدر الكلب الأكبر

ومطلعها تحت الشعرى وهذه صورة الجمع

![Diagram IX](image-url)

الشمال | [IX, 1]
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الجنوب | [IX, 2]

بلدة الثعلب | [IX, 3]

الطرف | [IX, 4]

أذن سرير | [IX, 5]

البنات | [IX, 6]

السّها | [IX, 7]

الشمال | [IX, 8]

يطلع الطرف في اليوم السابع | من مسيرة وهو اليوم الأول | من آب

الجهة ثم تطلع الجهة وهي أربعة أنجم معرَّض | معترضة | اثنان منهم | [VIII, 9]

مسيّت ومن من جنوب الينابيع من المتضيق يسيّ قلب الأسّد ويطلع معها الحوراء

وهو أحد الثلاثة من بنا نعش ويطلع مع ناحية الين كوكب يقال له الفرد نجم صغير

بين سهيل والجهة (= والجهة) ويطلع سهل السّهيل بالحجاز والعراق وطعُواه بمصر مع

النّور كوكب بالملح وعيقوها الفرد يماني وهذه صورة الجمع

![](image-url)
الجنوب [X, 1]
السفينة [X, 2]
ال泣جة [X, 3]
البقرات [القفزات] [X, 4]
الفرد [X, 5]
سهيل [X, 6]
الشمال [X, 7]
تطلع الجبهة في العشرين من مسمى وهو اليوم الرابع عشر من آب
الحرتان وهي الصرفوة [الزرة؟] وهما كيان مصسان [مضيئان] على حاصره [خاصة] الأسد يطلع معها من ناحية الشمال العناق من بنات نعش ومعه السها نجم صغير لاصق به وتطلع من الين الشراسيف وقدما سهيل الياب وعند صورتهم

الجنوب [XI, 1]
سهيل [XI, 2]
قدما سهيل [XI, 3]
الشراسيف [XI, 4]
الحرتان [XI, 5]
العناق [XI, 6]
نجم السها [XI, 7]
الشمال [XI, 8]
تطلع الحرتان في الرابع من الفي [؟] وهو اليوم الثامن وعشرين من آب
الصرفة وتطعع الصرفة وهي ذنب الأسدي كوكب مضيء في العظم الأول وتطعع الهلبة من الشمال كوكب خفية تشبه النزهة في سهولة غير أنها أوسع شكلًا وأخفي كوكب وتطعع القاري [القاري] من بناء نذرة وهو أصغرها وتطعع من أدنى المعطى [المعطى] وكوكبة كهيئة الحبيبة وهذه صورةهم.

[fig. 1.9, diagram XII]

الجنوب [XII, 1]
الحبيبة [XII, 2]
الصرفة [XII, 3]
تبع الأسدي [XII, 4]
كد الأسدي [القاري] [XII, 5]
الشمال [XII, 6]
تطعع الصرفة في الثاني عشر من ترت沃 وهو التاسع من أيول

العوا ثم تطلع العوا وهي كاف مقلوبة خمسة أنجح ولما يظهر منها رأسها وفتحها إلى الشمال وركبتها إلى الجنوب وعلى ركبها كوكب مضيء وتطعع معها من ناحية الشمال التوابع نحو تحت الباري [القاري] من السفح عرش السماك وهي أربعة أنجح شكل مربع وهي عينها

[fig. 1.9, diagram XIII]

الجنوب [XIII, 1]
الطائر [XIII, 2]
العرش [XIII, 3]
العوا [XIII, 4]
الثلام

السماك يطلع السماك الأعزل ويطلع قبله السماك الراهم والسماك الاعزثلة نجوم الحورا منا آخر ضوء وهو السماك والكوكب الأخرى معه سكاك [شاطئها] علقة الميزان ويدعى السبالة وعيوقة السماك راية السماك الراهم من ناحية التيمم وهي خمسة كوكب

[ fig. 1.9، diagram XIV]

الجنوب

العمال

تتسع العوا في الخامس والعشرين من نوث وهو الثاني والعشرين من أيلول

السماك

[fig. 1.10، diagram XV]

الشمال

العوام

السماك الأعزل

السماك الراهم

راية السماك

[fig. 1.10، diagram XV]

الشمال

الثامن من آباه وهو (الخامس) من تشرين الأول

الغرام يطلع الغرام وهو ثلث كوكب موضوع على رأس العدو السما لعرب [العدو

الشمال] بقرب؟ مع كوكب غيره كفيفه وعظمها في العظم الخامس وعون [وعين] الطرف الفكية الشامية وهو كوكب مستديرة بأنها قطعة دائرة وتسمى قصبة المساكن وأيضا القليادة وفيها كوكب مضيء في العظم الثاني ويطل من السما [التيمن] الفرسان وهم كوكب مضيئ وهذة صورة الجماع

[fig. 1.10، diagram XV]
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الجنوب [XV, 1]
الفرسان [XV, 2]
الغرفر [XV, 3]
الفكة [XV, 4]
الولاد | ويسمى قصة المساكين [XV, 5]
الشبل [XV, 6]

يطلع الغفر في الحادي وعشرين من بأبه وهو الثامن وعشرين = عشر من]

الزبانان [الزبانان] وهما زبانا العقرب [زالزبانا العقرب] كوابن معتضان مضيئان
بينهما في المنظر قدر رمح وأقل وطلوع الجنوب منها قبل الشمالي وكلاهما في العظم
الثاني وعيدون = وعاقبة الزبانان [الزبانان] من الشعب العوانة ومن الجنوب متكب
قطرة ويطلع النسق الشامي وهو كهيئة الحبل متصل بعضه بعض ويطلع الأحمر
من اليمن أربعة كوكب وهذه صورة الجمع •

[XVI, 1]
[XVI, 2]
[XVI, 3]
[XVI, 4]
[XVI, 5]
[XVI, 6]

يطلع الزبانان [الزبانان] الرابع من هtolower وهو آخر تشرين الأول

الإكليل ثم يطلع الإكليل وهو خمسة كوكب منطفة الطرف وانعطافها إلى الشعب
والعشر كهيئة البحر [التحية] إذا قلبت والثلثة المتوسطة منها = منها في العظم

[XVI, 7]

الجنوب
الجزءاء
الأفلا الحيل
الإكليل
الإكليل الشامي
العوائد
النسق
الشمال

يطلع الإكليل في السابع (عشر) | من نحر وهو الثالث عشر | من تشرين الثاني

الشولة ثم يطلع الشولة وهي إحدى عشر كوباً المغطوفان اللذان على طرف الذنب ذنب [ذنب المحور] العقرب وهما طرف الشولة وعيرها الفوارس والردف وهو نجم مضيء ومن ناحية اليمن الصدران وهما كوابان خفيان وهذه صورة الجمع

[fig. 1.10, diagram XIX]

الجرب [XIX, 1]
الصدران [XIX, 2]
الراعي [XIX, 3]
السولا [XIX, 4]
اللقاز [الفقار] [XIX, 5]
الفرسان [XIX, 6]
الردف [XIX, 7]
الشمال [XIX, 8]

الشولة في ثالث عشر كيهك | وهو التاسع من كانون (الأول)
العام وهم ناعمان الصادرة والواردة [وهي ثمانية كأكب فالأربعة المتقدمة التي تلي
الشولة يقال لها الصادرة والتابعة التي تلي البلدة تدعى الواردة وكل واحد منها
على شكل تربع مختلف شبه معين وبينهما كأكب يدعى الرعي [الراعي] خارج
 عنهما إلى الشمال والتي تلي البلدة تدعى الواردة وتطلع معها الفوارس ثلاثة كأكب
مضيئة مصغرة تقطع المجرة ويطلع منها الرخ [الذئب] وهو نجم مضيء، ويشم في
تحت الشولة ستة أخم وahi صورتهم.

[fig. 110, diagram XX]

الجرب [XX, 1]
القبة [XX, 2]
الراعي [XX, 3]
الصادرة [XX, 4]
الواردة [XX, 5]
عش النعام [XX, 6]
الصاع [XX, 7]
الشمال [XX, 8]

تطلع النعام في السادس والعشرين من كيهك وهو | الثاني والعشرين من
البلدة وتطلع البلدة وهي فصا [فضاء] تكون في وسط القلادة والقلادة ستة أخم
ثلث منها مضيئة تدعى الأحمر وثلثة خفية يدعى [العمارة] الاعمار [الاعمار] ثم تطلع

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المضيئ قبل الخفية وهي في العظم الرابع والخفية في العظم الخامس وفتحها [ = وفتحها] 
إلى الشهال وظهر قوسها إلى الجنوب وهي شكل قوس وعيبها رأي [ = الرئال] 42 وتطلع 
من اليمن الطابان [ = الظليان] الصغيران وهذه صورة الجمع.

[fig. 1.10, diagram XXI]

الجنوب [XXI, 1]
الظليان [الصغيران] [XXI, 2]
القلادة [XXI, 3]
البلدة [XXI, 4]
السهم وهو النواة (؟) [XXI, 5]
النسر الطائر [XXI, 6]
الشهال [XXI, 7]

تطعم البلدة في التاسع من طوبة | وهو والرابع من كانون الأخير

سعد الطالح ثم يطلع سعد الطالح وهو ثلاث كوكب اثنان منها مضيتان وواحد خفيف بقرب 
الشهال والشهالي أضواء من الجهوي ويقال ان الكوكب الخفيف الذي الى جانبه هو ساهم [ = شائة] ويطعم معه من الشهال العنقود وهو ذنب النسر الطائر كوكب مجتمعة ومن 
ناحية اليمن أولاد النعام وهي جُجوم خفية ويطلع سعد النها [ = الذهاب] وهذه صورة 
الجمع.

[fig. 1.11, diagram XXII]

الجنوب [XXII, 1]
الرئال [XXII, 2]

42 The text appears to be corrupt or missing a word.
سعد البعثاء
النعام | شائه
العتقود | وهو ذنب [النصر] الطائر
الصليب
الشال

يطلع الذاكر في الثاني والعشرين | من طوبة وهو السادس والعشرين [= عشر]

من كانون الآخر

سعد بلغ ثم يطلع سعد بلغ وحما نجمان بينهما فقس [= قيس] شرف الواحد غريب والأخر
سرقي [= شرقي] والجري مضيء والشري قهري وخويقه الخطاطب [= الخطاب] شالي نجم مضيء وحمود الصليب تحت الصليب ويطلع في الثيمن سعد ناشئة وحما كأن
مضيتان وهذه صورة الجمع

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[fig 1.11, diagram XXIII]

الجنوب
سعد ناشئة
اثنان
سعد بلغ
الخطاب
عود [= عمود] الصليب
الشال

يطلع سعد بلغ في الخامس | من امشير وهو الثلثين | من كانون الآخر

سعد والسعود ثم يطلع سعد السعد ثلاث كواكب في شكل راء الشهابي أضواهج والذي
تحته إلى الجنوب أقل ضوء منه والأسدف خفي وعيونه الكواكب الشهابي من الفرغ المقدم
وتطلع معه سلمان الناقة ويطلع من الثيمن سعد الهما [= الهمام] وحما نجمان مضيتان
وهذه صورة الجمع

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الجنوب

سعد الزليع
سعد الهمام
سعد السعودية
مقدم الدلو
سنام الناقة
الشال

يطلع سعد السعودية ثامن عشر | امثير وهو الثاني عشر | من شباط

سعد الأخوية ثم يطلع سعد الأخوية وهو كوكان معترضان متقاربان أحدهما جنوبي فالآخر شال غربي فالشالي مضيء والجنوبي خفي وأسفل منهما في الجنوب كوكب تسميها العرب الحبة وعيينة في الشالي مهد [عريفة = عرفة] الدو [الدلو] ويطلع معه الوادي وهما كوكان مضيئان ومن التيمن سعد البارع وهما كوكان مضيئان وهذه صورتهم.

[fig. 1.11, diagram XXIV]

الجنوب

سعد البارع
أخية سعد
سعد الأخوية
مقدم الدلو
الواديان

[fig. 1.11, diagram XXV]
الشَّيَال

يطَعِل سَعَدِ الأخِيَةِ الأَوْلِيَةِ مِنْ (بَرْمَهَات) | وهو الخامس والعشرين من

التَّوْلِيفِ الْمَقْدُومِ ثُمَّ يَطَعِل الفَرْغِ الْمَقْدُومُ وَهُمَا كُوَّانٌ مَتَبَاعِدٌ مُتَساوِينَ فِي الْقُدْرِ وَهُمَا فِي الْعَظْمِ
التَّانِي أَحْدَهَا شَيْلِيَةٌ وَالآخِرِ جَنْوِيَةٌ وَبِنِيَاهَا قِبْس رَجُحِ الشَّيْلِيَةِ مِنْ كُوَّانٍ خَفْيِينَ غَرْبِيَنَّ
وَبَيْنَهَا أَكْرَمَ مِنْ ذَرَاعٍ تَدْعَى مَنْكَبُ الْفَرْسِ وَعَيْقَةُ فِي الشَّيْلِيَةِ بَيْنَ النَّافِعَ = النَّافِعَةَ وَفي
السَّمِّ = النَّبِيَّةَ سَنِّهُمُ = سَنِّهُمُ الرَّأِيِّ وَهُوَ كُوَّابُ مُضِئَ وَهَذِهِ صُورَةِ الجِمِيعِ

[FIG. 11, Diagram Xxvi]

الْجَنْوَةِ
قَائِدُ الْعَنْزِ
الْعَنْزِ
الْخَرْشَاءِ
الفَرْغِ الْمَقْدُومِ
منْكَبُ [الْفَرْسِ]
رَأسُ النَّافِعَةِ
الشَّيَالِ

يطَعِل الفَرْغِ الْمَقْدُومُ رَابِعَ عَشْرٍ | بَرْمَهَاتٍ وَهُوَ العَاَشِرُ (مِنْ إِدَّارِ)
الفَرْغِ المَؤْخِرُ ثُمَّ يَطَعِل الفَرْغِ النَّافِعُ وَهُوَ مِثْلَ الفَرْغِ الْمَقْدُومِ أَبْنَاهُ مَسْلَى ّ
وَعَوْنُ ( = عَيْقَةٍ) الشَّيْلِيَةِ مِنْهُ رَأسُ الحَوا الشَّيْلِيَةٍ وَعَيْقَةُ الجِنَوْيَةِ مِنْهُ سَرَّةُ الحَوْت
وَيَطَعِل مِنْ الْنَّبِيَّةِ الضَّفْعِ الْمَقْدُومُ ذِنْبُ الحَوْتِ وَهُوَ كُوَّابُ الْجِدَوْمَاءِ وَهَذِهِ صُورَةُ
الجِمِيعُ
الجنوب
الضفدع المؤخر
الشمال

يطلع الفرع المؤخر (ثامن عشر) في برمة وهو (الخامس وعشرين من)


ويطلع فم الحوت ناحية السفينة ثم الضفدع المؤخر على هذه الصورة.

الجنوب
السفينة
بتمن الحوت
آخر الناقة وهو [ال] كف الخصيب
الشمال

[XXVIII, 5]

يطلع بطن الحوت (ت) | عاشر بر (موده وهو) | الخامس من (نيسان)

[XXVIII, 6]

تمت صفات المنازل الثانية والعشرون وصورها وكيفياتها بحمد الله تعالى وخير توفيقه

يتلوها الفصل العاشر في هبوب الرياح

والله الموفق للصواب
الفصل العاشر في هبوب الرياح والزلازل والرعود:

قالت الحكاء أن الرياح المزعجة إذا تجبر مرآ، في الأرض فترابطة عن مكانها واضطرت وترفت زلزلت ما فوقها من الأرض فاذكرت، وأشتدت وتركت من مكانها كلها تقدم منشئتها (= بقدر منشئتها؟) فهي الرجعية نعود بالله من سخط الله ومن الزلازل { و } ما تلقت منه الأرض فهي الرجعية نعود بالنعمة من سخط الله ومن الزلازل { و } ما تلقت منه الأرض ومنها ما يقدف بالحجارة الكثيرة ومنها ما تنبع منه عيون لم تكن [ تجري ]، ومنها ما تببس منه عيون كانت جارية.

فأما زلزلة الأرض السريعة فتستسي الرعدة وربما صارت في جوف الأرض من غير زلزلة إذا احتبس الريح في جوفها وربما كان في البحر من هذه الزلازل | فيذف لها البحر ناشئا (= بأشياء) من مكان الى مكان وربما تلف الأمواج بعضها بعض فيعظم ويتضرب الى ناحية واحدة فينتقل البحر الى البر وربما صعدت | من جوفه بأشياء تخرج لها العيون وجري الأنهار ويعود ذلك في بعض النجج حتى يزيد الماء وتنقص الأمواج

[diagram of the winds: See fig. 1.12 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets.]

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1 MS A, fol. 21b. The title, diagram with accompanying labels, and vertical side panels are missing in copies M and D; these two later copies pick up the text in the second line beneath the diagram preserved only in copy A.
2 Script barely legible.
3 Or, قدم منشئها (Gharâʾib 2011, 269).
4 Script barely legible.
Fig. 1.12. Diagram in Chapter Ten, Book One: 'On the blowing of winds, earthquakes, and tremors'. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 21b.
الريح أربع الصبا وهي الجنوب والدرو وهي ميملكة والشرقية من أفق المشرق والغربية
من أفق المغرب والريح الخارقة النافعة في حين هؤلاء الآفاق يقال لها النكاية
قالت الحكاء أذ أكانت الريح شرقية في اليوم السابع من طوبة فانه يخرج جري النيل
وتعيش الدواب ويصلح الزرع والفلاحة وتكثر الحمي النافص [= النافض؟] ويقل
العمل
فان كانت الريح في اليوم الثامن من طوبة عاصفة شديدة كبر = كرت[10] في الغم
وقل [= وكل] ما في البحر وأسقطت الدواب ما في بطنها وكانت الحكمة ليست بتمة
سحرية صفر خذ تلك السنة وصلح الثور وغزر ماء الآبار وصلحت الماشية وحمل الزينون
ولكنه لا يتم وجري النيل جري حسن وكر العمل

5 The wind-name is written as أر ورس on the map of Cyprus in Book Two (A fol. 36b).
6 M (fol. 61b8) and D (fol. 76a6) resume the text at this point; D adds a title: فصل في مواجهة الأيام وما تدل على ذلك
7 M: omitted from D.
8 M: كان ريح عاصف.
9 D: صديق.
10 M: كرت;
11 M: وكل ما;
12 M: د.; D: المرض
13 M: الصان;
14 D: وان.
15 M: طوبة اكانت مرسبة;
16 D: طوبة مرسبة
17 D: ولا كه.
كان الريج يوم عشراً من طوفة بكرة مجرى وبالمعنى هبت مرسسه = والعنى هبت مرسسه 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

قال ديقوس = أندريو.Decos: {الحكم في الأيام} 33 32 {الموافقة ليست تخلي عن طواف والحكم
عليها ه = قال}}

قال 38 ان وافق اليوم السادس من طوفة الأحد واسمه بالفارسية نسبه = يكشنبه 21 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

والرومية كراكي = كراكي وبالهندية السوار = ادت وار، وبالعربية بماي = احتواي، وبالعربية احور = 22a

فان يكون فيه رياح عواصف شديدة ويختفا الحر
في الصيف وتكشر فيه الأوجاع ولهما ويكشر ماء النيل وكون قلال شديد وظهور ملك ويخف ثم الكرم وتسليم سفن البحر. والزعم والقطرة. [د وشيبه]

فان:41 وافق اليوم السادس من طرية يوم الاثنين وسمه بالفارسية دستيد = د وشيبه

وبالبردية روبر [دويةرا]42 وباللهجة سوار وبالقنطبة سساي = بساو43 فاللهجة تكون رياح عواصف شديدة ثم يطيب الرجح ويكشر النيل، ويرير القطرة ويكون حرر وجد المحموم وسائر الأوجاع ويوت الناس ويقل ثم الشجر ويكون قلال بين الناس وسمي المكان ويقيل الطير والبازي والندى = والندى44 وترجيح التجار ويكشر الزرع

فان كان اليوم السادس من طربة الثلاثاء وسمه بالفارسية شيشيد = سه شيبه

وباللهجة اخازوا = اخازوا45 وبالبردية مري = مري = بالقنطبة يشمل وبالعربية شيشي مين كان رياح شديدة ليس فيها مراد بلي يغرق فيها46

وحب:

39 D adds: حلم الكرم ويكشر النخيل.
40 Instead of: د: حلم الكرم ويكشر النخيل.
41 D: في البحر.
42 D: وآن.
43 M: شيد. د: د سيد.
44 D: دويرا، د: دويرا.
45 M: يسمى (yusnâq); D: يسمى.
46 M omits: فيه.
47 D: وكيك الشر والقتال.
48 M: ومنفق. D: omitted in D.
49 D: الناس وتجود تجارة الحنطة وتنقل وتعز.
50 D, M omit: لأن.
51 M: وتنقل الأندية. D: وتنقل.
54 M: بريتي. D: بريتي.
55 M omits: مين.
57 D: للك.
كثير في البحر. ويكثر الطيور وعصر الكرم وموت الصبيان وينفد بين الملوك ولا يكون قال ويجري النيل ويسقط كثير من النساء ما في بطونها فان كان اليوم السادس من طوية لا ربعاء واسمه بالفارسية جهارشنبد = جهارشنبه 63 والبهندية (..) 64 وبالرومية طاطري = طاطريไทย 65 وبالقبطية ممطو = ممطو 66 وبالعبرانية رفغي = رفغي 67 كانت تلك سنة 68 راح عواصف شديدة مفروضة وتسليم منها سفن البحر ونفخ فيها حر الصيف وثم القمح ولا يغلو ويكرب حمل الشجر، ونمون أوجاع ثقيلة ويكر ماء النيل والبذاء = والأردنا 71 والمصل 72 وينمو العظام ويكر القتال بين الملوك وتسقط بهائم كبيرة 73 وما في بطونها فان كان اليوم السادس من طوية الحننس = واسمها بالفارسية محجنة = محجنة 74 والبهندية هسسط = هسفطور 75 وبالرومية مي = مي 76 وبالقبطية نسو = نسو 77 وبالعبرانية حش كانت الرياح في تلك السنة خفيفة طيبة وقل تمر الحنطة وسائر

59 M omits سفن كبيرة في البحر
60 M: المركب
61 D: يقع
62 D: وينفد
63 D: جهارشنبد
64 Copy A leaves a blank space; M: هوار; D: نهر
65 M: طاطري
66 D: مقطر
67 D: رفغي
68 D: سما
69 D: السفن في البحر
70 D omits فيها
71 M: والندا
72 D, M: وإكر
73 D:جيله
74 M: محجنة
75 M: هسفطور
76 D: مي
77 D: نسو
78 M: كن في ذلك
79 D: ريح طيبة خفيفة وينقل

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الحبوب ويلحق الملك [الملوك] الطاعون ويكثر الغنم وينفق العسل ويكون قال
شديد وتسليم سفن البحر وتكون المياة الى قلعة لكن الأرض تروي ويصاب من كان
في عمل السلطان وبريج التجار
فان كان اليوم السادس من طويف الجماعة [الهندية] سرفوا [سرفوا] والفرزية
اديتها [الفارسية] ونقطعتها خد والعبرانية سيعي [شيحي]
كان في تلك
السنة رياح عواصف ويكثر المطر وتكثر المياة وتكثر الحملات ويسمن الأرض
ويقاتل 44 الملك بعضهم بعضًا ويكثر الرماد والقتل ويزاد النيل.
فان كان اليوم السادس من طويف الستة [السمر وار] [الهندية] سمشروار والفارسية [سيسوم]
وبالعبرانية سمى [شيحي] والفرزية [شيحي]
والعبرانية سمي [شيحي]
والتراص في تلك السنة عواصف والصيف لا

80 م: ويكثر الطاعون في الملك
D: الكناك
81 م: ويكثر الغنم
D: يكثر الغنم
82 D, M add: المراك
83 D: وتنقل المياة
84 D, M: وصاحب
85 D, M: يوم الجماعة
86 D: سرفوا
87 D, M: ادنة
88 M: The Persian name is omitted in M and D.
89 M: ويكثر المياة
D: ويكثر المياة
90 M: ويكثر السعاب
D: ويكثر السعاب
91 M: ويحرص ثرة الأرض
D: ويحرص ثرة الأرض
92 D: وتقاتلت
93 D: مع بعضها
94 D adds: ويقيل العسل
95 D, M add: في الناس
96 M: ويملك
D: العسل
97 D, M: وقتل
98 M: ويملك
D, M: يوم
99 D, M: شمسورا
100 D: سماطر
101 M: بيضاء
D: ينبع
102 D, M: شمسورا
103 M: بيضاء
D: ينبع
104 D: ويملك
105 D: يكون في تلك السنة رياح.
بأس به والريح طيب  كنها تضر بالضآن ويكثر النخل ويكثر العسل والكأن وينهو الطعام ويكث فيتقتل بين الملوك ويقل النيل وتتشتد السنة على أهل الأرض وتريح جور البحر ويكث فيموت الصبيان والله اعلم.

تتم المقالة الأولى بحمد الله تعالى وعلم

تتناول المقالة التالية وهي خمسة وعشرون فصلاً الفصل (الأول في) مساحة الأرض ووصوريها على الانحاد [الإيجاز ؟] من خط الاستواء إلى حيث تنتهي البحيرة وهو ستة وستون جزءًا على ما ذكره بطليموس القلودي في كتابه المعرفة الجغرافيا.

106 D: يس.
107 D, M: طيعته.
108 D, M: التضآن.
109 M adds وكركم; D reads: وكركم
110 D, M add: وس
111 D: الأطفال.
112 M adds والله أعلم; D adds: والله تعالى أعلم بغيبه.
113 D adds: ومحمد لله وعذوه وحسن توفيقه.
114 Reading also followed in Gharāʾib 2011, 277; it could also be read as or reading also followed in Gharāʾib 2011, 277; it could also be read as or the alayha or the الأجزاء.
الفصل الأول: من المقالة الثانية² في مساحة الأرض

وقسمتها على الأقسام السبعة على ما ذكره بطليموس، وعمرها قال بطليموس، لما أردت معرفة عظم الأرض وعمريتها و sprawling her اخذت ذلك من طول الشمس إلى طولها في اليوم الثاني، وذلك يوم وليلة، ثم قسمته على أربعة وعشرين جزءًا فهي الساعات المستوية لكل ساعة منها خمسة عشر جزءًا ثم ضربت الأربعة وعشرين ساعة في المئة عشر التي هي أجزاء المضرب وبث الثلثاء وستين جزءًا فأردت معرفة كم يكون الجزء ميلاً، فأخذت ذلك من كسورات [이며] الشمس والقمر ونظرت كم بين مدينة إلى مدينة من ساعة، قسمت الاميل على جزء ساعة فأصاب الجزء الواحد منها خمسة وسبعين ميلاً فضربت خمسة وسبعين ميلاً في ثلثائة وستون درجة التي هي أجزاء البروج، خرج المضرب سبعة وعشرين الف ميل.

ثم نظر في العمران وجد ملك من أول الجزائر العاملة التي في المغرب، والبحر الأخضر، والثاني عمران الصين، فوجد ذلك، قدر أثني عشر ساعة، فعلم أن ذلك نصف دائرة الأرض وهو ثلث عشر الف وخمسة [ميل] عمران.

ثم نظر في العرض وجد وسط الأرض من ناحية الجنوب إلى ناحية الشمال وذلك أن خط ناحية الجنوب خط الاعتدال والليل والنهار فيه سواء وخط [والخط].

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¹ MS A, fol. 22b; MS D, fol. 78b. MS M, fol. 64b, MS B, fol. 134b, MS C-2, fol. 77a–78a.
² Omitted in B and D: من الساحة الثانية.
³ D: بطليموس
⁴ D: الحكم بطليموس
⁶ D: كم يكون معرفة الجزء وكم ميلاً.
⁸ D: ساعات.
⁹ D: دقائق.
¹⁰ D: أجزاء الساعة.
¹¹ D: اخترته.
¹² D: اخترته.
¹³ Completed by D and M.
¹⁴ D: اخترته.
¹⁵ D, M and C-2: [الخط].

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الذي انتهى إليه الحساب في جهة الشبل عند تولي الحمرة [الجزيرة] التي في برطانيا
وينتهي {وينتهي} طول النهار هناك عشرين ساعة والليل أربع ساعات ثم ينقلب
فيصر الليل عشرين ساعة والنهار أربع ساعات وذلك عرض ستة وتسعين جزءًا
أو أراد المأمون [18] امتحان مقدار عمارة الأرض، فأنفقه [19] المنجمين في البحث عن ذلك
فوجدوا مدينتين وهما تدرم والقمة وأما تدرم فإن ميلها عن سمت رؤوسا الذي هو
ارتفاع قبطها [= قطبه] [20] الشهالي أربعة وتلالين جزءًا [أما] [21] مدينة الراق ميلها عن
سمت رؤوسا خمسة وتلالين جزءًا [22] والفاصل بينهما جزء واحد فسما اثنين المدينتين
من الفلك الأعظم يكون طولها ستة وتسعين ميلاً وثلاثة ميلاً.
فضربت تلك الميايل في ثلاثة وستون [خمسين] الأرض [على ذلك] [27] فخرج
الموضوع أربعة وعشرين ألف ميلاً وإنه دور الأرض المعثور [و[منها] [نصف]
قطرها سبعة آلاف وسترات وثلاثين ميلاً.

16 D and M: الجزيرة
17 D and M: بريطانيا.
18 C-2 adds: أمير المؤمنين رحمه الله.
19 C-2 adds: إلى.
20 D and M: فاجتهد في البحث عن ذلك.
21 D, M, and C-2: قبطها.
22 M: أما; C-2: أما.
23 Omitted from D: مدينة الراق ميلها عن سمت رؤوسا خمسة وتلالين جزءًا.
24 D: فسحوا.
26 D: فوجدوها.
27 Missing words completed by D, M, and C-2.
28 M: ثلاث أميال.
29 C-2: وثلاثين.
30 M: ثلاث أميال.
ووجد في قصر من قصور بطليموس في الأصوار أن استدارة [الإثارة]
الأرض مائة وثمانون ألف استادوس وأربعة عشر ذراعٍ والميل مائة
الأخ ذراع فعلاً أن الميل سبع وثلاثين ألف استادوس ونصف فاد قسمت
المئة وثمانية مائتي ألف استادوس على سبع ونصف لنصرها. أميا استبان لنا أن استدارة الأرض أربع
وعشرين ألف ميل وأن قطرها سبعة آلاف ميل وسبعها وستة وتسعين ميلاً وذلك
استدارتها طولاً وعرضًا.

وكان المأمون لما ارداد معرفة مقدار الأرض ٤١: بحيث عن ذلك وجد بطليموس١٤٣ يذكر
أن حداًً تاًً فسمم أسطادوس فسال المعترض عن تفسير الأستادوس فذكره في
تفسيره فقال هذا الأسات الرباعي والرودي وفيه:

عيسى الإسطراحي وحيد بن البكر الذي مع جمعة من الذراعين والسنجرة
ليصحب ما، فما حوله من الآلات وصلهم إلى موضع اختباره من بـ٤٤٨ السنجرية
ثم وجه [و] خالد١٤٩ وطائفة معه إلى جهة جرب نصف نصف الشاهي ثم وجه علي واحمد
وطائفة معه إلى ناحية القطب الجنوبي فقضى كلاًً واحد منهما١٥٠ حتى اتتبع إلى الموضع
الذي رسم له١٥١ فوجد أبا عرفات نصف النهر وقد زال١٥٢ ونفي عن ارتفاع نصف

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٣٣ D and M: استدارة
٣٤ D and M: استادوس
٣٥ D and M: ما، C-2 adds:
٣٦ D and M: ميل
٣٧ Omitted from D: قسمت
٣٨ D: ملئتها
٣٩ D and M: استدارة الأرض أربع وعشرين
٤٠ Omitted from D: استدارة الأصوار
٤١ D and M: الاستادوس
٤٢ D: الحكم
٤٣ D: فاختلفوا ولم يجيبه الشامير
٤٤ D and M: الرباعي omitted in A.
٤٥ D: واحد البكيري
٤٦ D: ليصحب
٤٧ D and M: وأمرها أن يكون اجتماعهم بأجمعهم
٤٨ D: فتيرة
٤٩ M: ثم وجه خالد
٥٠ D: منهما
٥١ D: لا
٥٢ The reading is confirmed by D: وقد زال
الف وستيّة ألف ألف٤ وثمانية واربعين ألف [ألف] شعيرة وثليثة ألف ألف الف
واحد وثلاثين ألف ألف الف وسبعين ألف الف иتنم
يتلوه الفصل الثاني في صورة الأرض

65 M: ألف ألف
66 D: ألف written above the line; omitted in M.
67 D, B, and M: ألف
68 D and B add: مسومة والله مضيف بكعبه وحسننا به ونم الوكل ولا
حول ولا قوة إلا بالله العلي العليم
69 Omitted from D, B and M: يتلوه الفصل الثاني في صورة الأرض
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[see fig. 2.1, for the Rectangular World Map—Europe, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]\(^1\)

لاس [البس] [023]

لمقدار أرض الأندلس (..) ون محلة [001]

جمالية [جمالية] [024]

في عرض عشرون محلة (..) المحيط (؟) [025]

امدة [بيضاء] [025]

(..) سيدنائها النافذ (؟) [026] لجهة الغرب

سرة [شترفة] [026]

بلاد؟ [البلدة]

كرمة [النشوة] [027]

المهر [028]

المدن [029]

قصر كارس [بني ورداس] [030]

عمارة [005]

شت [شتنت] [031]

البس [البش] [006]

الحسن [أخشبة] [032]

محافظة البلاط [محافظة البلاط] [007]

اب [033]

مدغيلة [طليعة] [008]

جبل العيون [034]

البوة [009]

فطرة الرف [السيف] [035]

وادي الحديد [010]

ءسلة [اشبيلية] [036]

اركدا [011]

اشبيلة [اشبيلية] [037]

قرونة [012]

قرونة [013]

قرونة [014]

الردة [الردة] [015]

الجارية [الجارية] [040]

اللاد [الردة] [015]

مليون [016]

مليون [017]

قبط [018]

قبط [019]

ملة [ملة] [044]

احنا [020]

سفن [021]

سرطان [022]
Fig. 2.1. Rectangular World Map—Europe. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 23b–24a.
[see fig. 2.2, for the Rectangular World Map—Africa, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

3 Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 16c: جون البناوق جزيرة كبرى مسكونة وأهلها شامخة والسنة مختلفة من الزمانين ومقابلة وبرجان وغير ذلك

4 Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 8a: بهذه النواحى غير أمة بلغة ولبنان غرب لبنان / من جاورها متصاصون من جاورهم وتحتهم ومتجاوزين في طاعة و규ضاء روهم / وعضهم لا جليمهم في غير طاعته / وان جميعهم مختلفون وديانة الفرنسية
Fig. 2.2. Rectangular World Map—Africa. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 23b–24a.
[A FOLIS. 23B–24A] 181

- الحجر
- الجزيرة
- طنجة
- سبتة
- نكور
- مالية [ميلية؟]
- الإقليم [الإقليم]
- نهر سيدي [سفيد]
- زول
- دارسون [ئاورت]
- فاس
- آثار [اغمات]
- الألماة
- تاهيرت [ئاهرت]
- قاربدا [ئابرد]
- لسان [إيور]
- برافانة [ترافانة]
- حراوة [جراوة]
- امكان [افكان]
- سهر [شف]

- السير [خص مراحل]
- ورياد [دارفين]
- حرارة [هوار]
- اركول [ارجوك]

- نهر سدین
- جزيرة بني زغنن
- بجاية
- المسيلة
- نسخة [بسكة]
- وادي القصب
- نهر مامیا
- طنية [طينة]
[see fig. 2.3, for the Rectangular World Map—Asia, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]
Fig. 2.3. Rectangular World Map—Asia. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 23b–24a.

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الفصل الثالث: في معرفة الأقاليم

البضعة وأحوالها وماكان خارجًا عن خط الاستواء و في حدث الشبال

الأقاليم الأول ويسمى ديمارس، ومدته من قرب الأرض المحرقة [= المحرقة]

و لون البروج القوس و ينطلق من الكوكب المستري وهو ناحية الهند والصين الأقصى

وابتداه من ناحية المشرق و متهة في ناحية المغرب و طوله مائة وثمانون درع

= درجة 7 وعرضه من لدن قرب الأرض المحرقة و إلى ناحية سرنديب في الشبال

ماتي خمسة وثمانين فرسًا و سكانه الصين الأقصى و هم قوم عرابة من منزلة البهائم شنعة منظورهم قبيحة ألوانهم

مشوهه خلقهم مخفية ف امام مذكرة نصيدهم غير أنهم ذوي علوم بالرقيق و بصائر بالذهباء

مطولين الأعمار عرفين بالحضانش والأجراء في إقليمهم حيوان ذوات اجسام [و]

عظام و طيور عظام هائله الأجسام مربقة من ذلك الحيوان، وأفيلة و تنانين و وحش

وعالين ومهدولة المناظر وزرائع وصور مختلفات وقيل أن العنق في ديارهم وهم

عالين بمصاح السباه والتفاع من نهش الأفاعى

و في إقليمهم تسعة عشر جبلًا منها جبل سرنديب و طوله مائتي ونفف و ستون ميلاً

والجبال المحيط بجر [= جزيرة el یاقوت مستدير شكله كالسفن على هذا المثل] و في

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1 MS A, fol. 24b, MS D, fol. 82b; MS B, fol. 138b; MS D and B: جهه
2 D: جهه
3 A reader of MS D added here marginal annotations on the cities, and geographical extent of the first clime, taken from another, unnamed geographical treatise.
4 D: دیلمپارس
5 D and B: المحرقة
6 D: وانها
7 D and B: درجة
8 D: إلى
9 D and B: حيوان ذات أجسام عظام
10 Agapius 1912, 24: ومن ذلك الطيور طيور مركبة من الحيوان كالنعام والزرافه والقنفذاء
11 D: بصاح ب: بصاع
12 D: الديدان
13 D and B: جزيرة Khwrâzmi 1926, 42: صفة الجبل المحيط بجزيرة ياقوت
14 Khwrâzmi 1926, 42: ثم يحيط بالجزيرة على جهة السفط... هذه صورة:
واللهند والزمزم، والسند، وفيه هواة قوية ووجوه عظيمة، لكنها دون ما في الإقليم الأول، ولنباينا مناطر السكان كشناعة من تقدمٍ، ولوَّه علاوات ورق ومعرفة بالأحجار والعقيق أو ما أثبهم أقل من أولئك أعماراً، ولايست لهم، في إقليمهم خمسة، وعشرون جبالاً منها، كرمان: وطولواها، ثُمانية ونِف. وثلاثون ميلاً، وفيه من الأنهار الجارية والعيون.

الإقليم الثالث، يسمى الإسكندرية، وسياه بطيوبوس إقليم مصر، وله من البروج العقرب، ومن الكوكاب، وهذا الإقليم ينتهي، ومبتدأ من الصين الأدنى وانتهاء الاستيكلدية ومغارباه، من رأس بلاد مصر، من ناحية المغرب، ومشارقه من ناحية.

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15 A reader of MS D added here marginal annotations on the cities, and geographical extent of the first clime, taken from another, unnamed geographical treatise.
16 D and B: the city of Memphis.
17 D: Agapius 1912, 23; D: and B: the city of Memphis.
18 D and B confirm.
19 D and B: the city of Memphis.
20 D: Subrah 1930, 13.
21 D: Agapius 1912, 23; D: the city of Memphis.
22 D: and B: 
23 D: and B: 
24 D: and B: 
25 A adds: 
26 Missing words added by D and B.
27 D and B: 
28 D: and B: 
29 Words missing in all manuscripts.
30 D and B: 

وهمدأ من الصين الأدنى وتنتهاء الاستيكلدية ومغارباه من رأس بلاد مصر.
واسط الآفاق والأفظ الآفاق مزاجاً وطابعاً) وسكانه أهل حلم وفلسفة وعقل
وشهدت وأدب وطن (= وطبع) وحصص من الأمور الكائنة والجواهر والطباشير والعقل
وفهم بالكتب والعلاج تمنيهم من العلوم العشرة وأكثر علمًا من أهل الآفاق الثالث لما خصوا
به من لطافة العقل والاستواء في المزاج

31 D and B: Agapius 1912, 25: مسياس ميدان ابن الصقطر من حي أرض السيد مير: مصر ومن شرقه السيد ودن.
32 D and B: Agapius 1912, 25: وينتهي عرضه في ناحية المغرب إلى حدود سورية البراق وفارس الأول، من:
ومنتهي عرضه أرض الشام وفارس واقيهم إلى حد المقارن في بلاد أصبهان والغرب ولم ي퓝
33 Lacuna also in D and B. Agapius 1912, 25: إلى حد الإسكندرية.
34 D and B: العلوم.
35 Missing word completed by D and B.
36 D and B: الآفاق.
37 D: ونهر واحد.
38 D and B: رودوس.
39 D and B: المدن الواد بالوادية.
40 D and B: بلاد الأشخان.
41 D and B: آراكاطي: Agapius 1912, 26: بلاد اراكاطي.
42 D and B: بلاد محجوب.
43 Also in Agapius 1912, 26.
44 Illegible word completed by D and B.
45 Not in D or B.
46 D: والفهم والمجيبه.
وفي أربعة وعشرون جبالاً منها جبل النهج بدمشق وطوله ثلاثة ومائتا وجلب
شير ز [ = سنير] 47 وطوله مائتا واربعون ميلاً وجبيل الكرام وطوله مائتا ميل وجبل
متصل ببحاره طوله [مائية و] 49 خمسة عشر ميلاً وجبيل متصل بجبيل همدان وطوله
أربعين ميلاً والجبيل الذي يمر بآباد وطوله مائتا ميل
وفي أربعة وعشرون نهرًا وعين واحدة لا تجري مقدارها ستة عشر ميلاً وهي
البحيرة المتينة 51 وفي بحيرة طرية ومقدارها ثلاثة وتلتائون ميلاً ونهر يجري جبلاً
عند دمشق ثم يمر إلى انكاطة 52 وهو الملقوب ونهر يخرج من جبل يقطع
اصطخر وطرية [ = وصب] 53 في البحر بقرب سيراف ونهر يخرج من عين في المشترق
وكان منه بطحية مقدارها ثلاث وسبعين ميلاً ثم يقطع مدينة الصين ونصب
[ = وصب] 54 في البحر.
الإقليم الخامس. واسمه بالرومية بقليس [بنتوس] 55 وسياه بطلبوس السنطوس
[ = السنطوس] 56 وساعاته خمسة عشر وفيه القسطنطينية وعمورية ورومية وله من
البروج الدلو ومن الكوكب القمر وفيه الأندلس
وسكانه أنس شجر حمو شهوة وشقيق وديمة وحمى وجناء وخرج ولهم آدام
الآهن 57 يسارعون إلى قول الأدب وينفّمون ذلك عن 58 كتب لكونهم أقر عقلا
واضعف ذهيًا من أهل الإقليم الرابع
وفي تسعة وعشرون جبالا منها حارث وحورث وطولهم ثلاثة وتلتائون ميلاً
والجبيل الذي بين الموصل وشهر زور وطوله مائتا وخمسة واربعين ميلاً والجبيل

48 D and B: خمساً.
49 Lacuna completed by D and B.
50 D and B: مائتا ميل.
54 D and B: وصب.
55 Missing word completed by B: D: بقليس بنتوس. Agapius 1912, 23, 26: بقليس بنتوس.
56 D: بقليس بنتوس. السبطوس Hamdâni 1974, 32: السبطوس.
57 D and B: ياده.
58 D: وينفّمون عن ذلك.
59 D: طبيعي.
المتصل بهذا اخذنا}60 إلى ديناوند في بن قروين [والري]62 وطوله مائة ثمانية وسبعين ميلاً وجبل طبرستان الذي بين سابور [نسبة]63 وجرجان وطوله اربعون ميلاً.

وفي خمسة عشر فهماً منها نهر دجلة ومسافة خمسة ميلار بمهران الصغير ومهران الكبير وعين تجري في أصل جبل حارث وحويرث ومقدارها ستة عشر ميلاً وتمنده.

تسع ميلاً وفيه جيجون مقداره ثماني ميلاً.

الإقليم السادس ويسمى بالرمية ماسوبوطيوميس [ماسونطوس]66 وله من البروج السرطان ومن الكواكب المرح وسكان هذا الإقليم البرجان والصقلاوية ومدن في ناحية منها تسكنها نسوان بلا رجال وهن اللواتي تعرن في الرومية امو زيناس يعترن اليومي تتقعن بهن البيض وتجميعها للنائبين من القتال والحروب والنزاع ويسمون الحوريات 67 لان سمر 68 يتزاحمون وتتهجعن أولادهن الذكور فلآجل ذلك ترين الإناث فقط لكنه في كل سنة يخرج نحو تجوم أرض هرمزة [نحو بلاد هرمز] 69 وأرض البرجان تقع عليهن رجال البرجان فتحملن 70 ثم ترجع إلى مواضعهن مستعدات للحروب وهذا أمر مشهور لا ينكده أحد من العلماء.

وسكان هذا الإقليم أصحاب حرب وسفن دم وقفة رحمة وكثرة ظلم وأجل ذلك يوسفون الصقلاوية وليس لهم معرفة بالادب ولا شيء من العلوم وفيه اربعة وعشرون 71 جيلاً منها جبل الزهرة فيه 72 هيك الزهرة متصل بالبحر وطوله مائة أربعة وثمانية ميلاً.

60 D and B: اخذنا
61 ديناوند: Khwārazmī 1926, 56, also: D and B.
62 Missing word completed from Khwārazmī 1926, 56; not in D or B.
63 D and B: سابور
64 D: ثم يند
65 D adds: والله تعالى بكل شيء محيط.
66 D: يسمى بالرمية ماسوبوطيوميس.
67 D: الحروريات
68 Confirmed by D and B. Agapius 1912, 23:
69 Confirmed by D and B. Agapius 1912, 27:
70 D and B: ثم ترجحن إلى مواضعهن مستعدات للحروب وهذا أمر مشهور لا ينكده أحد من العلماء.
71 D: عشر
72 D: وقه
وفي ستة والعشرون نهراً منها الفرات ومقداره سبعاً وخمسة وثلاثون ميلاً [و]
منها النهر الذي يجري بين البحران وجزرته [ثم] بلاد أرمينية وصير (إلى) 75 برذعة
ومسافته سبعاً ميل وعريف بطول [= بطور] 76 وجريه من المغرب إلى المشرق وفي
هذا الإقليم عين لا تجري.

الإقليم السابع ويسمى بالرومية بارس ثانس وسياها بطليوس بروسنوس 77 وله من
البروج الميزان ومن الكواكب الشمس ويسكنه القوم [القوم] الذين يسمون توميدين
[= نويميدس] 78 وتفسيره المعين 79 وهم قوم ضعيفي القوى قليلي الحيل لأجل إفرط
البرد الشديد لقربهم من الشمال والمواضع التي [هي] غير معروفة [= محمولة] 80 ولا
مسكنة وناتئ نعشت بالقرب من سمت رؤوسهم تدور عليه ودوابهم وحيوانهم
صغير جداً وليس لبقرهم قرون لأجل شدة البرد ولا يوجد في بلدهم شيء من [الهند]
وام 81 ولا يقدر على بناء البيوت بالجر والصخر واللهما يؤدون من بيوت [دفوء]
الحشب يجعلوها على العجل ونهره البتر يسر و 82 يلولاً ونهرها فيه ما وجدنا رعيًا
لدوابهم أقاموا أشياء طويل دهرهم بأسوأ حالًا من المعيشة الردة وإذا مرضوا
الأمراض [الامراض] الصعبة يكون مرضاهم العجل يلبسون الذكران لباس النساء
والنساء لباس الذكران فير ون

وفي هذا الإقليم أربعة وبعشرون جبالاً منها جبل ياحوج ومجوج الذي يسمى
المحيط وطوله سبعاً ميلًا و(فيه) ثمانيات وعشرين نهراً منها جيحيون وطوله اربعاء
ونيف وسبعون ميلاً ومن ابتدائه إلى متناهه الف وعئشة ميل ونهر يخرج من نهر بلغ

73 Omitted in D: 
74 D and B: ثم يمر إلى 
75 D and B: وصير إلى برذعة 
76 D and B: بطور: Khwârazmî 1926, 139: 
77 D: يجري النهر المسني: 22 بارس ثانس: 27 
78 D and B: Agapius 1912, 23: يسمى بالرومية باباس ياس 
79 D and B: Agapius 1912, 27: المذعوم 
80 D: معروفة 
81 D and B: الهواء 
82 D: دفوء 
83 D: ويسجو
أحدًا في المغرب ثم يصير كالبحر [يصر في البحر]84 ومسافته اربعة وسبعة عشر ميلاً ونهرًا من العظام وطوله اللفي وستة وثلاثين ميلاً وتصل فيه ثلاثة عشر نهارًا يأخذ من عيون وجبال ونهرًا يصب في بلاد داجوج وماجوج ويبطغ [ويطغ]85 في نهران ومسافته ألفان وثلاثة ميل وماكان خارجًا عن خط الاستواء إلى الجنوب ففي جبال تسعيرة متقاربة أطلالها من اربعاً إلى خميسية [ميلاً]86 وجعل آخر طوله تسعة ميل وجبل القمر وطوله الفيل وبعضه في الإقليم الأول وسائره87 خلف خط الاستواء ومنه ينبعن النيل ويشعب وأما ماكان يابي من تمام ثلاثين [ثلاثة]88 وستين جزءًا من العرض فليس يسمى فياقيم ويكون نهاره إذا أطل في ناحية الشلال من وراء العمران زيد إلى أن يبلغ واحد وعشرين ساعة وأثنين وعشرين دقيقةً من ساعةه [واثنين وعشرين ساعة]89 إلى أن ينتهي إلى أربعة وعشرين ساعة فلا يزال نور النهار كذلك حتى ينتهي إلى بلاد الظلمة فيكون هناك الليل ستة أشهر والنهار ستة أشهر فأما [ما]90 في الجزر من الأنهار لا سيما البحر الأحمر، فإن في جزئه ثمانية أنهار كبار وجميع الأنهار التي في الجزر سبعون نهارًا منها في جزيرة توبلي اثنا عشر نهارًا وفي جزيرة لوبية أربعة عشر نهارًا91 وفي جزيرة سنفاد [سندنا]92 خمسة أنهار وبيطحة مقدارها ثلاثين وثلاثون ميلاً وفي جزيرة إمبرانوس93 المنسوبة إلى النساء ثلاثة أنهار وهذه الجزيرة يذكر بطليوس وجماعة94 أن ليس فيها خلق سوى النساء وأنهم يحبون في

84 D: يصير البحر. B: يصب في البحر.
85 D and B: يطغ.
86 Missing word completed by D and B.
87 D and B: جمعه.
88 D and B: ثلاثين.
89 D and B: ساعة وأثنين وعشرين.
90 Missing word completed by B and D.
92 B and D omit.
93 D and B: بنفسها.
94 D and B: بمانيوس. B: إمبرانوس Suhrāb 1930, 70b: إمبرانوس.
95 ب: وجاءة من العلماء.
96 D: يحبون.
كل سنة من ريح تهب في وقت معلوم ولا يلدون إلا البنات وفي جزيرة إموانوس المنسوبة أيضا للرجال ليس بها امرأة ستة وثلاثون نهرا وبطيئة تجميع أنهار الأرض المنبعثة بالأزخار ماثية وخمسون نهرا.

97 D and B:

98 D and B: Khwārazmi 1926, 892, 1546; Suhrāb 1930, 7012.

الفصل الرابع في تسمية جزيرة العرب


[26a]


1 D: وتمسها.
2 D: والرض.
3 D: ويسرع.
4 D: وأودية تهمة تسيل مغرة.
5 D: واليمن.
6 D: اللائي الأنهار والجبال.
7 D: ومن.
8 D: البحر.
9 D: في غربه.
10 D: البحر.
11 D: شام.
12 D: لمع.
13 D: وما ص.
14 D: الشام شام.
15 D: من.
16 D: بعضهم.
17 D: الشام.

11 D: D:
12 D: D:
13 D: D:
14 D: D:
15 D: D:
16 D: D:
17 D: D:
بسمام بن نوح عليه السلام لانه أول من نزله وقاطنه فلا سكته العرب تطورت انتقول
سابم فقالت شام قال اخرون بل سميت الشام بأباعي فيها حمر وسود وبيض ولم ينزلها
سابم قط وسميت اليمن بين بن يقطن بن غابر فقالت العرب تيمانت يقطن

18 D adds: وعند الله تعالى علم

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الفصل الخامس: في أمصار الأفاق

وقد قسم الله عز وجل الأرض أقسامًا لجعل بعضها على بعض في العلو والخفض وجعل أخلاق سكانها تناسبًا وتضامنًا. فكل بلد اعتدل هواءً وخدمةً كانت صور أهله وخلقهم تناسبه وتدانيه وتلاهمه في معانيه وكل بلد زال عن الاعتدال نسب أهله إلى سوء الحال.

فأما المدن الجنوبية في أقصيها فان المياه بها كثيرة مالحة تسخن في القياس وتبرد في القرى ورَسَ [وأَرَوس] سكانها بلغميّة ومعدّهم مسودة ردة والغالب على أدبهم الضعيف والاستخاء والعجز والوهل والتضخّم والفضلات. ونسائم مرضى من كررة الطمث وقلة سلامة الأولاد لكررة الترف [الترف] وعرض لأولادهم على الروكز والكشف الكاهي والحزاز بل يأمنون الحمى المهلكة وعْلة ذات الجانب المهلكة. ودَأَم المدن التي تكون في ناحية الشمال في أقصيها في ناحية (الشمال)؛ الريف الباردة فيهم يابسة بطلة النضج حلوة غائرة. غير مشرقة وأهلها أشدّ اعتراضاً واسوؤهم دقائفة نحيفة. وصدورهم عريضة لطرد البرد للجح وأطرافهم ويطونهم جاسبة وأرؤهم سلبية يابسة لقلة الفضول في بُطنهم. ولا يعرض لهم الرياح وموتهماو يمدوا الصدوع عيينهم لشدة البرد وربما طالت أعمارهم وعلههم الأساق الحاجة ونسائهم عواقو لرد الماء.

1 MS A, fol. 25ا, MS D fol. 88ب. MS D: الفصل الرابع في الأمصار الأفاق
2 D: ينافها
3 D: وأر ورس
4 D: ومدعهم
5 D: والفشا
6 D: النزف
7 D: الملكة
8 Superfluous word crossed out.
10 D: مشرقة
11 D: أعبر
12 D: وأبداههم خفيفة
13 D: الفضول
14 D: ويطونهم وأكلهم شديد.
وحبسه وإبطاله.


وهذه الجهة ردة كبيرة للأمراض والأعراض لأجل [ = أن] مياهها غير نقيّة وأعمالها تطول جدًا لغلظ الهواء ( = وأهله)، وأهله مصرين مرضى وهم شرفاء خروجهم على الاعتدال يُبدع طلع الشمس عليهم وأصواتهم تامة ( = بحة) وذكر بطرق في كاب الأهواء والبلدان أن التسبيح أهدها ان بلدهم وغلبة في الشمال وان الريح الشمالي عليهم دائمة ( = الهوهم) والجووية هناك قليل الجووية وهموب [ = إلهوهم] الجووية من جبال هناك شاهقة مرتفعة لينفعهم التبلوج في سائر الأوقات.

وفي أقصى بلاد أرمئية مدن لا يستطيع أهلها ان يظهروا من التلوّج ستة أشهر وذلك إذا حارب الشمس في البروج الجووية وان كثير من الحيوان يموت في تلك السنة شهور وكمك الطير في أوكارها اربعة شهور لا تنتشر.

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15 D: وحبسه وإبطاله.
16 D: جبان.
17 Missing word, also from D, completed by Hippocrates 1969, 336c.
18 D: ومسكنها.
19 D: رطبة.
20 D: الأشجار.
21 D adds: الوباء.
22 D adds: أن.
23 D: وأعمالها.
24 D: دبس.
26 D: أن حدها.
27 D: داخلة.
28 D adds: الهوهم.
29 D: وهوهم.
30 D omits.
وكذلك أيضا بلاد التر كثيرة الثروة فتغلب الرطوبة على أبدانهم وتفضل الأجسام وتغيب المفاصل بكثره اللحمة ويسدر الوجه وتكثر حمرتها لبرده هواهم لأن المراجع البارد يولد الحمى فتري أبدانهم لحمه وألوانهم يض كثرة الحمرة وشفاههم وأصابعهم وأرجلهم واخلاق هذه النواحي الجيزة وقلة العدل والعلم وقطعة الرحم وكرة النسيان وأما المواضع المحرفة المحمومة من شدة الحر ولا يترطب فيها حيوان ولا نبات لشدة الحر فيها وليس فيها غير مجارى مبدأ [النيل وأما السودان والحبشان فسكان] البلاد التي ما بين مدار الحمل والسراط وان الشمس في صعودها وهبوطها إذا كانت في هذه البروج توسعت النساء على سمت رؤوسهم فتسخن أحويتهم وترجهم فتكثر فيهم الحرارة والبيس وتصير ألوانهم سود وشعورهم جعد وأبدانهم نحيفة وطفاعهم حارة ويكذل دوابهم واستارهم [أشجارهم]

[القول على بطنها الهاوند ومجاهبته [وجامبه]]

[القول على ثم شجر الواق ] [إليه]

31 D: وشوفاههم.
32 D: قطع.
33 Illegible in A. D: مجارى.
34 D: مسكمهم.
35 Only partially legible in A. D: وهموها.
36 D: وجعل.
37 D: وأشجارهم.
38 Only in MS A.
39 Only in MS A.
[see fig. 2.4, for the Circular World Map, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]40

[001] جبل التمر
[002] المطحنة الصغرى
[003] المطحنة الصغرى
[004] البحر المظلم الغربي
[005] المطحنة الكبرى
[006] صحاري ورمال خلف معدل النهار
[007] نهر مجد النيل
[008] بربة
[009] الرخ
[010] سفالة
[011] الواواق
[012] الواواق
[013] بلاد لم
[014] (نيبال) السودان
[015] كامم
[016] جبل الكثيب
[017] الناجري (= الناحيج)
[018] النوبة
[019] بلاد مغر (أو)
[020] الحبشة
[021] ايم (؟)
[022] سرنديب
[023] جزيرة القمر
[024] بلاد (غابة؟)
[025] لمئة وصناج

40 Only in MS A. Compare identical versions of this circular world map in six copies of the treatise Nuzhat al-mushtaq fi ikhtirāq al-āfāq (Entertainment for He Who Longs to Travel the World) composed in 549/1154 by al-Idrīsī for Roger II, the Norman king of Sicily. For examples of this type, see Maqbul Ahmad 1992, fgs. 7.1–7.5 and 7.27. Unless otherwise indicated, all the labels on this map are found also in the other circular maps of this 'Idrīsī' type.

41 Second word very faint and barely legible.
Fig. 2.4. Circular World Map. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 27b–28a.
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الفصل السادس: في صور البحر وجزرها ومكاليها

ليس في استطاعة المخلوقين كمية خلق رب العالمين وافما يتكفل المتلكف منهم العلم
بالمشاهدة أو النفاض الدولة جزء يسير من أجزاء كبيرة وافما أو دنا ما سمعنا ثقافة [من
ثقافات] البحرين (البحرين؟) وما رغبت فيه من ذلك واجهت فقوع سعي قول
ذوي العقل من التجارب (التجار) المرتكضة في البحر ومن كل ربان يروع في
البحر فأو ردت من ذلك ما خبرت به
وليس هذه الصور البحرية على شكاكها في الحقيقة إذ كان لها عند زخرها وهمجها
وشدة الرياح فيها مقايض (منفاض) تفيض (تفيض) منها على شطوطها ففقدار
دفع القوة منها يسبح على وجه الأرض أميال كبيرة فوافقي فيسيمها أهل البحر الشرقية
(الشرقية) أخوار ونسيمها أهل البحر الغربي من يكون كل مفيض منها له طول
عظم وعرض يزيد بعضها على بعض كما يشاء باربيها ومنشئها
وربما صار في ذلك الجون جبل عظيم أو أحاط بمدينة عظيمة فاحتكت به وربما غرق
ما استفل منه وقد شاهدنا في هذا العصر التصوير مواضع قدت (قفر) ومسالك بر
غلب عليها البحر وذكر أبو الحسن المصريي رحمه الله14 في كله أخبر أكبره من انتقال
البر جرا والبحر برًا فأما البر فعم النجف15 أرض الكوفة كان بحرًا فصاور برًا وكذلك

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1 MS A, fol. 29a; MS D, fol. 90b, D: مكاليها
2 D: مكاليها
3 D: جراً لسير؟
4 D: من ثقافات
5 D: التجار
6 Undotted in A, D: حيزة
7 D: حيزة
8 D: جراً
9 D: مقايض
10 D: تفيض
11 D: فيها
12 D: الشرقية
13 D: قفر
14 Omitted from D: رحمه الله
15 D: التجار
16 D add: بحيرة نيس
بأرض الإسكندرية موضع خطة، يسكنه جم عقير، غفير، من بني قرة وغيرهم.
وكان يجري وصار برأ...  
وكذلك بحيرة تنس كانت في القديم برأ مسلوكة فغلب عليها البحر في ليلة واحدة وحجم من ناحية الأشترم فصار برأ فأكانت أرضه مستقلة غرقت وماكانت أرضه متعلقة
كحيس وثونة وغيرها بقية...

17 Undotted in A, D: حطير.
18 D: غفير.
19 D: فئة.
20 D: وسير.
21 D: صور.
22 D: وتمورات.
23 D adds: الناظر إليه من.
24 D: كل.
25 D adds: وجهة الموقف في الصواب.
الفصل السابع فيما علی شاطبة [شاطبة] من المدن والقلاع

[see fig. 2.5, for the Map of the Indian Ocean, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]¹

[001] الفصل السابع فيما علی شاطبة [شاطبة] من المدن والقلاع
[002] مدينة أروي
[003] جزيرة قرخ [قريخ] وبها جبل
[004] جزيرة صندوفات [صدروفات]
[005] جزيرة بنومة [نومة] بها سودان يقطعون
[006] الطريق
[007] جزيرة الغوف [الصفد ?]
[008] جزيرة الربيع من هنا العنبر والتجار ولا لأهلها باب إلا ورق السكر
[009] جزيرة نجوة [نجة] حولها ( .. ) ين
[010] مدينة هندية
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¹ The map and its title are found only in MS A.
Fig. 2.5. Map of the Indian Ocean. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 29b–30a.
هيل (الهيل) قرية
أرض ارمال به المدن لقوم ضافناء في
طاعة ملك الصين وهم مقام الجبل
ومن الصين (الثاني) في كل مدينة
على مئات مئة فرسان مشوين
العامة وحده الصين إلى تبت مدينة الترك مختلفا
ومن مر ... 155
الماء صعب الأمواج ويطغع [بقطع] بالجبال
الحدودية قرية
النوبة جبال
الكردية قرية
المندس قرية
مكفا (سورية)
اللؤلؤ (...
الصمود
BuildContext
بلد الرزق الذي يملكه منس، وهو في
عطف البحر | الحيط ومن يقصده والوجبة
من صدره ومن يقصده بلاد الرزق | فالموج يأتي من
وء أظهره
رأس خافور (الخفاف) | جبل
المربحون (الرفحون) | جبل عظم
عبد عدس جبل في البحر
الحاره جبل
جبب جبل
حصن في انخان (؟) جبال
رأس حرية (الخزيرة) | جبل
القندلا جبل

2 Compare Ibn Khurradadhbih 1889, 69:}
والصين غنية مدينة عامة كثبي منها تسمى مشهورة وحده الصين من البحر إلى
انتباث والبرك وغربا إلى الهند

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يقال له [ ] إنه ؟ يباطن أحا من [ ] متي[087]
كلفة جزيرة
؟ في مركب هذا = هلك ؟[088]
أرض النزير = البري ماتي | وخسيم[089]
( . . ) دلة جزيرة
له خور
خليج الامير
بلاد الزنج
كنتك قلعة
سوسار جزيرة
نجلة = الجوة جزيرة[086]
الفصل العاشر في البحر الغربي وهو الشمالي وموانئه وجزائه ومراسيمه

[see fig. 2.6, for the Map of the Mediterranean, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]²

حسين جرجية كبير يقع الأسطول [022] على مس (البند) [001]
حسين قسطنطينية على نهر [023] على مس (البند) [002]
وصلة [003]
حسين اطراة كبير تسير [024] على مس (البند) [004]
الرياح [005]
الرياح قسطنطينية كبير [025] إلى إبلا [الكيبر] مرسى
الرياح كحصص صغيرة يسير من الرياح [030] إلى مس [القيس]؟ يسير جنوه من
جميع الرياح [014]
كلية سبطة [ال سبيل] بادلها لها مرسى [032] على مس (البند) [015]
خليج برجان في ثلاثون مرسى لقوارب [031] برجان
حسين نقداردس له ميناء صغير [033] إلى مس (ال سبيل) [016]
كلية سبيل [ال سبيل] بادلها لها مرسى [034]
كسير [ال سبيل] م.compareTo(ها) [017]
مدينة تجنس لها ميناء كبير قد سهدر الامل [035]
بلد صابرة مرسى كبير يقع الأسطول [018]
مرسي بيربارة [ال سبيل] كبير الماء [036]
مرسي قصرة [ال سبيل] كبير الماء العذب
مرسي دفراوة كبير [ال سبيل] على مس [القيس]؟ يسير جنوه من
كلية سبيل [ال سبيل] بادلها لها مرسى [037] على مس (ال سبيل) [019]
مرسي مسيرة [ال سبيل] كثير الماء العذب [038] على مس (ال سبيل) [020]
حسين قلالوة له ميناء تسير [ال سبيل] على مس (ال سبيل) [039] على مس (ال سبيل) [021]
جميع الرياح [040]

¹ Same in D.
² MS D, fols. 92a–92b, contains the title only, drawn within two unlabelled squares that represent sea waves.
Fig. 2.6. Map of the Mediterranean. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 30b–31a.
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جزيرة الزنج

جزيرة الابيودوسية [لا بدوسة]

جزيرة المارس
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جزيرة الصنور
جزيرة النوس

جزيرة الرماس
جزيرة ايشا
جزيرة شيوا
جزيرة كرووا

جزيرة الزنوج
جزيرة قرس أولها يجاذي الإسكندرية
واخرها يجاذي اللاذقة وطولها خمسة وأربعون فرسخ وعرضها اثنان | واد (شروان) وطولها حصون
الملك بيسون الماعوضة [لا خوستحة] قسطنطينة
جربيس رأس العباس
جزيرة روا
جزيرة الموت
جزيرة رودس
جزيرة اغيوس (أغرس؟)

العاصي
جزيرة الرجالة
جزيرة ملبس
جزيرة مشهوك
جزيرة اشيوك
جزيرة اسينوا
الفصل الحادي عشر في بحر خزران

[see fig. 2-7, for the Map of the Caspian Sea, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

[001] بلاد خزران
[002] الجنوب
[003] المشرق
[004] الشمال
[005] الغرب
[006] مجهز سيهاكو | بها عيون وأشجار وغياث
[007] مدينة الجزيرة | كبيرة ذات شجر
[008] وغياث
[009] جبال الدليم
[010] ساسوس
[011] مرقبان [= موغان]
[012] بين الفم [= عين الهم]
[013] مطير
[014] سارية
[015] مهردان [= مهروان]
[016] طولنة [= طومية]
[017] جبل سبأ كوه
[018] طرسان
[019] جرجان
[020] مسافة بين الغزية [= الغزية] وجرجان
[021] بلاد الغزية

وهو مظهر قدره ... ولا يرتفع من هذا البحر شيء سوى السمك ويركز فيه التجارة من أراضي المسلمين إلى أرض الجزيرة.

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1 Only in MS A.
2 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1873, 27675—2771, and 27734:
Fig. 2.7. Map of the Caspian Sea. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 31b.
الفصل الثاني عشر في وصف الجزئين الكبار من هذه البحار 

أذكان الغرض في ذلك الاختصار

جزيرة صقلية فأعظم الجزئين الإسلامي فيه وأجدها ذكرًا لاتصال مغازيها للعدو 

الله واجتهاد أهلها وولادتها [= ولايتها] في ذلك على الدوام 

طول الجزئين سبعة أيام والغالب عليها الجبال والتقاع والخصو، والمدينة نفسها 

تُسمى بدر [وعليها سور = سور] عظيم شارع منيع يسكنها التجار وكان بها هيكيل في 

خشبة يعطهم المنصارى ويستسيع بها.

وينجب بدر مدينة تُعرف بالخلابة [= بالخلاصة] ذات سور أيضا واربعة أبواب.

ولمن [= في] صقلية [= صقلية] حارة تُعرف بحارة مسجد بن سقلا، وحارة أخرى 

تُعرف بحارة الصلاب [و] ليس عليها سور، [و] أكثر الأسود فيها بين مسجد بن سقلا، 

والحارة الجديدة وجمع الأسواق خارجة السور إلا الزائر، [و] وطائفة من القصائي.

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1 MS A, 32a; D, 93a, Title omitted from D.
2 D, and hereafter: صقلية.
3 D: خندها.
4 D: ولايتها
5 D: سنة أيام
6 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 118a–b.
7 D: بدر.
8 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 118b.
9 D: بدر.
10 D: بالخلاصة.
11 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 119a.
12 D: في.
13 D: الصلاب.
14 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 119b.
15 D: النوارين.

1194 –7: Ibn Ḥawqal 1938, 1194 –7:
1198: Ibn Ḥawqal 1938, 1194 –7:
واعة البلق والفاكهة: تم اخذت حارة الصفاقية سور منذ 18 أربعين سنة، وفي البلد نحو مائة وخمسين حانوت قصعين، وها مساجد كثيرة بها عيون مشهورة كالقادوس من ناحية القبلة والقوّارص الصغيرة والبيضاء والخرباء وعين أبي مالك، وفيها خلق من المعلمين، حتى أن كيب واحد يوجد أثنان وثلاثة واربعة وخمسة، وذلك انه ليس على المعلمين مؤنة ولا يلزمهم الغزو كازم شرف النص والغالب على الاحتفال به الجلاء وكذالك المراه، ومنهم من يتزوج إلى جاورهم من الروم في الجزيرة على شريطة أن رزق ولد ذكر، فأنه وابنه، فانتقلت سراً وسراً، وكانت معاً وهما وقلما ما يرى من موسم عشور الفين دينار، وآخره ارتفاعها ووافقها ومساكنها وجمال الطف، والإجازة والبحيرة والمدينة والهيئة والقضاء الصيود، عشورون الفين دينار أعلمه، على ما ذكره المحرق، هذا مع قلة لطافهم بالتجار المساكن، والمهاجرين ويدخلهم إلى برمهم، لكنهم طاع في القم القسامة وفساد العقل، وربما غلاتهم سماست في اليد قبل دخولها المطامير.

16 D: ياعة
17 Ibn Hawqal 1938،119،121: 18 Complted by D.
19 Ibn Hawqal 1938،119،121-120: 20 Omitted from D.
21 D: المرأة
22 Omitted from D.
23 D: إلها الحج وذوه وبابهم ورضاههم رأى المزيج إلى annex on: أن بعلباس بن ابن يميز من وسطة مزج أبيه من المشمودون وماكان من أتي فصيرة مع أمها و funcionários لها عن هرو أموال الرئف، وهي ضراب التراب خمسة ألف دينار، 24 Omitted from D.
25 Ibn Hawqal 1938،129،129،146: مال الجزيرة صقلية وقتنا هذا، وهو أهل أوقاتها وثروته بأسمه وأقصه، وهو على وجهه وقواته، وهو على رأسهم ويفقدونهم، وهو على الجزيرة والخليج وفرارهم على الجماجم، ومال الخرب، والوادي الجامع في كل سنة على أهل غزوة، ومساعدة الصيود، وغيرها وحالاتها، وهذه جملة ارتفاعها، Note that the final lacuna in Ibn Hawqal's text is here filled.
26 D: الجول
27 D: إلها الحج وذوه وبابهم
28 Omitted from D.
29 وجد مجمعًا في نساء قصوره أهلها، وأدانيها، فساد المرأة والقضى، وبنجوب ولن يحلح علىينها، عندم ألم وجد مجمعًا في نساء قصوره أهلها، وأدانيها، فساد المرأة والقضى، وبنجوب، ولا يحلح علىينها، عندم ألم وجد مجمعًا في نساء قصوره أهلها، وأدانيها، فساد المرأة والقضى، وبنجوب، ولا يحلح علىينها.
وسوفها من شرقها وإلى غربه ويعرف بالسياط وهو مفرغ بالحجارة من أوه إلى
اخره وتطيف بها عيون كبرة منصبها من غربه إل شرقها من منها ما يقدر
وشرب أهل المدينة وجاورها من بحر [نحو] = باب الرياض[34] وال نحو
عين شفاه وشرب أهل الخالصة والحارات من الآبار التي في درهم وشرب أهل العصر
= المعسكر[35] من العيون المروفة بالغربال ومن عين السبع وهي دون الغراب والعين

اوي سعيد وأي علي
فأما القصر وهو يلزم [بلزم] المدينة القديمة وأبوابها وأشهرها باب البحر لقربه
من البحر والقرب منه باب أحدته أبو الحسن (بن) أحمد بن الحسين[39]
ثم باب سبعات [شنتغات] وهو باب قديم وباب استحداثه أحمد بن الحسين
= الحسن[41] عليه عين صالحة عليها أرحية كبيرة وباب = وباب[42] يعرف باب ابن
قره وباب الأبناء وهو أقدم أبوابها وباب السودان جهة المدادين وباب الجديد

30 من شرقها وإلى غربها
31 Omitted from D.
32 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122–123: وما يدل
33 وهذه المدينة مستطيلة ذات سوق قد أخذ من شرقها إلى غربها يعرف بالسياط
34 D: Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123: for what is probably the correct reading.
35 D: المعسكر
36 D: إن
37 D: ابن أبي علي
38 D: يلزم
39 D: أبو الحسن أحمد بن الحسن بن أبي الحسن
40 D: شنتغات
41 Correction from Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122 (see note 44).
42 D: وباب
43 D: والباب الجديد.
ومنه المخرج إلى حارة اليهود وباب آخر استحدثه أبو الحسين في جمع أبوابها تسعة أبواب.

وهذه المدينة [كانت] مستطيلة ذات سوق من شرقها ونحو غربها ثم عمرت فاستدارها وحدث فيها منذ خمس سنين حارة تعرف بالحفرية فيها عشرة الف شرب الناحية المعرفة بالغربية من العين المعروفة بعين الحديد وهناك معدن حديد كان بني الأغلب.

وإنها أجنية كبيرة وسباسين أعداء لا تسقى كالشام وغيره ويكثر من البلد ثقيلة ويلحق أهلها فساد في عقولهم لكثرتهم أكلهم البصل وقل من فيهم لا يأكله.

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ويعزم المنجمون ان يحج الأسد معوج العلوج فاسد مع شرفه من ضيائه [وضيائه]
وان كل بلد يختص به من البلدان صعب الطاعة على السلطان وهو
وينى سيرققد
وادهل ومكن ودمشق وصفائه [صفية] وهذه مدن لا يصلحها لسلطانهم ولا
يصلح لهم سلطانهم
والأرض الكبيرة [تحذي صقلية قبلها] [قبلها]
ويين برقة وصقلية نحو خمسة عشر يوما
وكان قد غزا صقلية جبلة [موالي [موالي]
الأغلب بن سالم فلم يقدر عليها وكان
جمع كبير من الروم ثم غزاها خلفون البربرى ففتحها في أيام المتوكل وفتح أربعة وعشرين
حصن lowes هذه الجزيرة بعد حلون [خلفون]
المفرج بن سلامة وأراد المقام
بها وبنى مسجدًا فقته أصحابه وقام بعده رجل يقال له سودان ووجه إلى المتوكل يسأل
المقام بها فقتل قبل جملة رسوله ثم غزاها ابن الاغلب بعد الثوبية [الثوبية]
التي كان
عرض له من السودان [السوداني] حتى قتل بنته وإخواته وابنه [ابن امه]
ومحمد وثقافته
وأفرط أوضاع فيها مسيرة بضعة [عشر يوما وفتح آسية]
أول من غزا صقلية [صفية] معاوية بن حضير في أيام معاوية بن أبي سفيان ثم
فتح الأغلب بن سالم نيقًا وعشرين مدينة هي في مدينة [أيدي] المسلمين إلى الآن

52 D: وضيائه
53 D: وهذه التكوين
54 D: الكبيرة
55 D: قبلها
56 D: مسير
57 D: جبلة
58 D: مولى
59 D: خلفون
60 D: المفرج
61 D: إبراهيم
62 Undotted in A, D: الثوبية
63 D also: السودان
64 Not in D.
65 D: بعض
66 D: آسية
67 D: خضير
68 D: أيدي
وفقًا لـ أحمد بن محمد بن الأغلب في خلافة المتوكل قصر بانئة، وحسن غليانة، ووجد عبد الله بن قيس بن مخلد الرقيق في صقلية، أُصِنِمَ ذهب وفِضَة مَكَلَّة بِالجُوهِر فَبَعَث بِهَا إلى مِعاوِية.

طالعًا الأسد ورب السَّاعة القَمر وَبَعدًا مِن الإِسكندرية إلى نحو المَغرب سَاعة وثلث (وتَنْصِف) ٧٤ سَبع وَنَهَيَاة طُولِ سَاعات نَهارَهَا الأَطول ٧٥ أربَعة عَشر سَاعة وَنَصِف ورِبع وَحِيط بِها خَمسَة مِيل. هَذه صُورَتِهَا. ٧٦

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٦٩ D: بأنه.

٧٠ D: ووجه

٧١ D: في BAS², ١:١٨٣.; وقال الواقُدي: عبد الله بن قيس بن مخلد القراري في صقلية أُصِنِمَ ذهب وفِضَة مَكَلَّة بِالجُوهِر فَبَعَث بِهَا إلى مِعاوِية.

٧٣ Baladhuri, in BAS², ١:١٨٣.; وقال الواقُدي: عبد الله بن قيس بن مخلد القراري في صقلية أُصِنِمَ ذهب وفِضَة مَكَلَّة بِالجُوهِر فَبَعَث بِهَا إلى مِعاوِية، وِجَهَّبِ بِها مَعاوِية إلى الْبَيْحَرَة لِتَحَصْلِ إلى الْهَدَى فِتْحَاهَا مِنَ الْهُدَى نَهَارَهَا.

٧٤ Word inserted above the line.

٧٥ D: الأول

٧٦ Omitted from D. D adds: وَصُورَتِهَا. وَمَنْصِف ورِبع ..
[see fig. 2.8, for the Map of Sicily, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]77

[32b–33a]

77 The map is found only in MS A.
Fig. 2.8. Map of Sicily. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fols. 32b–33a.
كرم الجبار (؟) قرية
قصص
قرس
الماس
باب الحجازين
قلعة مون
حصن قرمية
ودمال
خطبة
باب الحجازين
 منزل قط
قلعة قطن
الإعماة
جمال عمران
مسجد ابن سقلاب
القبائل مجهز من جبل شرقي المدينة ويصب الى الغرب وهو طيب [الأرز] ووأخ [؟]
الفصل المحدث حذاء باب | الأنباء
معزل
التهة [الرحبة ؟] محضر [؟]
جمال شلدون
وادي عباس عدة الطواحين | من أوله الى
اخره
قصر السلسة
الصناعة
قصر السلسة
قيّة (؟) سلم مساواز [منزل] وانهار
وغار
عين سفدي
باب البحر
باب عين شفاء
باب البئر

باب أبو علي [ناء؟] وهو الأبناء

باب السودان

باب الحديد

باب سوق الدجاج

حلاة [؟]

باع البغل

دار إبن الشياني

الدقاقين

تذاذج جام زار

دارة السقالبة [الصقالب] مع السور

دارة الناجي مع السور

السورة الصغرى مُنَزَّة []= مُتْرِجَة من

السورة الصغرى

السورة الصغرى [الصقالب] مع السور

السورة الصغرى [الصقالب]

عليها [الصصال] ملتصق [مع الصلال]

الجسور

وادي السواري

الفوارق الكبيرة

على [ المرآعح]...

القبوش [المذكور]

وقائعمعنى

حارة [حارة] تسمى مصالة [مصلى]

ابو [ابن] جرب[غربة]

قريه تازية

البيضاء خط ابن المجوله
الفصل الثالث عشر: في جزيرة المهدي

وأما أفضت الخلافة إلى الإمام أبي عبدالله محمد المهدي بالله إمام المؤمنين فقد الله روحه نزل برقاء وكان حينئذ دار ملكة إفريقية وقد هرب عنها بنو الأغلب ورجالهم وتركوا قصورًا مشيدةٍ ودور منضدة ورقدة يومئذ محصنة بسورين [سورة: بسوم] وخرج في فتحها وهو يقرأ أولاً سورة الحشر وكان دخوته بها يوم الخميس لا أحد

عشر ه [= يوم] بقين من ربع الآخر سنة سبع وتسعين ومائتين

ثم ليزل يرتاد موضعًا للتحصين لما قد علم به من الحوادث التي تحدث حتى وجد موضع وقع اختياره عليه فين المهدي على الجزيرة، واتخذها دار مملكته وعظم أمرها فاستقل الناس لها من كل جهة وهي جزيرة مدينة المهدي قد أُحاط بها البحر المال من جميع جهاتها إلا من جهة غربها ثم حصنها بالسور والأبواب الحديثة المحكمة الصنعة وكان ابتداؤها بها يوم السبت خمس خلون من ذي القعدة سنة ثلاث وثمانية والثالث

برج الأسد فأولما وضع فيها جرح من غربها [ثم] أبعض العبيد ان بُنيَ بناءه مبلاً 12 فرفع بالسهم فوق النصل قائمًا فقال حينئذ إمام المؤمنين إلى هذا الموصل [الموضع] يصل صاحب الحمار 13 14 15 اعني بذلك أبو يزيد ثم قال لأصحابه إذا أعمل هذا [الوقت] واحد من الأوقات ضحي 17 أو من بعد العصر إلى آخر النهار

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1 MS A, fol. 33b; MS D, fol. 94a, محمد عبد الله
2 D: مشيدة
3 D: بسوم
4 Omitted from D.
5 Omitted from D.
6 D: لم يجد رقدة
7 D: الجزيرة
8 D: الجزرية
9 D: يوجد
10 D: ثم أمر
11 Damage in A; word only partly legible. D: برغي
12 D: قبل
13 D: الموضع
14 Compare Tiğānî 1958, 32a
15 A, D: الوقت
16 D: بحب
17 D: بحب
ثم بنى قصوره بالمهدية وزعم على الانتقال إليها فنقل ذلك على أهل الدولة أن يتركوا ما استوطنوه من سكاىهم برئادة في القصور والدور الفضيحة وان يختاروا سباحة عمارة وعقار، فتناقلوا فقال لهم سُهَراكَ تتاحون إليها بعد أن كُفَّا كارهين فلم يمض الأبدة حتى توأتمت أمطار وأشقتها صعبة هدمت 20 الديار وخربت المساكن فسقطت السقوف وهدمت 22 البيتان وهرب الناس ذوي القوة إلى البلاد والمياه 23 وأتوا الكَل يسألوا أمير المؤمنين في الارتحال عن الرئادة إلى المهدية فأذن لهم ثم تتابعت السنين فخرج أبو يزيد لعنده الله واسمه مخلد بن كِناك الزناتي وكان مولده في السودان بمدينة يقال لها كوك واسمها [ 26 ] هوارية اسمها سبيكة ونَبَغ وبلغ من أمره أنه ملك العرب بأسره ونَبَغ السيف والنهب والسيف الذي 27 الطعم من أوشوي البربر وهم يرمون بهم على الأمازق وخرب بهم الديار وسوى الأحرار ونَبَغ السيف في الصغار والكبار وكان له وزراء أَحدهم (أَحدهم) يسمى أبو عمار أَعى ونَبَغ قين 28 مقعد ونَبَغ قال له أبو منصور الجهلاني أَعى محديث يصرد عن رأيه ونَبَغ وشغورتهم

ونقل المهدي عليه السلام في أيامه وذلك لأربع عشرة سنة خلت من شهر ربيع الآخر سنة ثلاثة نَين وعشرين وكانت خلافته خمس 29 وعشرين سنة وثلاثة أشهر وسبعة أَيام وكانت (قد) 31 صارت إليه سجاسة يوم الأحد لجُنُّ خلن من ذي الحجة سنة ست وسبعين ومائتين وكانت سنة 33 ثلاثة وستين سنة

18 D: استأنفا عمارة وغرامة.
19 D: وتناقلوا.
20 D: فهدت.
21 D: وهو.
22 D: وسطفت.
23 Omitted from D: الشعاب.
24 D: السون.
25 Illegible in A.
26 D: ولموه.
27 D: الذوي.
28 Undotted in A, D: جَبَار.
29 D: مَحمَأ.
30 D: وأربعة.
31 D adds: قد.
32 D: ليس.
33 D: سلمه.

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وأضافت [الخلافة إلى] القائم بأمر الله 34 وقد نفر عن أبو يزيد وحشد الحشود وخرج ما يليه من البلاد مشتهر 35 بجيزة صوف قصيرة. الأكمام (متنوعة) 36 العواقق خرج يده (من تلك) المواضع 37 وعلى رأسه قلنسوة يضاء وحثة وهو راكب حمار أشهب وبذل السيف في قتال الرجال والأطفال والنسوان حتى أن واحد من (البربر يقال له) 40 مسومة [مسومة] 41 لبكر الكلاني قتل يده خمسة إنسان في مكان واحد وأفرش البربر في يوم واحد ثمانية عشر ألف بكر.

واحتوى عسكره على مائة (ألف فارس) 42 وراجل وزحف إلى المهدية وحاصرها، وقائع تابعت بينه وبين الأولياء بها وهكذ الناس بالضر بالمهدية خرجوا على وجودهم فأمر بقتل من يخرج منهم هاربًا فقيل أن بعض البربر اشتري من أسر منهم من أسر ستين رجلاً بثلاثين دينارًا، طمعاً أن يوجد في بطونهم شيء من نفائسهم وقتلهم عن اخرهم فلم يجد إلا عشرين دينارًا [عشرة دنانير] 45 وقتل ستين نفسًا.


Illegible in A, D: مسومة. For this name, see Idris 1973, 5485.

Illegible in A, D: ألف فارس.

D kidn. في بطونهم.

D: عشيرة دناير.

D: المهدية.

D: القائم بأمر الله عليه الصلاة والسلام.

D: الخاثق.

D: أرضها.

D: ونزل أبو يزيد.

Illegible in A, D: ساق.

Omitted from D: وهي ساق.

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اللعنين إلى الحندق المحدث ووصل إلى عند المصلى إلى حيث وصل السهم الذي
رمي بين [يدي] المهدي 55 وقال مهدين قاسم التونسي
أعمى وأخرج راما الملك جدهما
والملك (بنيو) 56 عن العمين والعرج
تمكنا من عقول غير واقية
صنفين 57 من عزة البركان والحنج
جاوا وقد رمدو أبصارهم حنقا
وقد كان بكحل [النقع] 88 والرهج
يا زاحفين مع الدجال حفتهم
على مقدمة الغوغاء والهمج
لا تفرح بضيق 60 الملك منفرحا
فان ضيق الهدي باب إلى الفرج
كم مرنتي درجنا لم يدر خبرتها
زالت به رحلة من أوسط الدرج
ثم كان من أمره ما قدره الله تعالى من أمره وشرته (= أسره وتشهره) 62 وقتلته على يد
المنصور بالله أمير المؤمنين [صلاة الله عليه وسلم] 63

53 D: موقع.
54 D: بين يدي.
55 D adds: صلوات الله عليه وسلم.
56 Illegible in A.
57 Illegible in A.
58 D adds: النفع (sic).
59 D: حتفتهم.
60 D: ضيق.
61 D: منفرجاً منحصرًا.
62 D: أسره وتشهره.
63 Illegible in A.
[see fig. 2.9, for the Map of Mahdiyah, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]64

64 MS D, fol. 99a, has unlabelled and simplified diagram, entitled: ٢٩١

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Fig. 2.9. Map of al-Mahdiyah. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 34a.
الفصل الرابع عشر في جزيرة تنيس

ذكر معين أحمد بن سالم [بسام] المحتسب كان له في كتابه المصنف في وصف تنيس

نهاة من الإقليم الرابع لصحة قواها ورقة طباعة أهلها وصناعتهم. وإن الميث بها لا

تنفس جثته سريعا ولا ينسق شعره عن جسمه وان كرمة من بعده الأمنعة بها يكلون

الأسطاب والأطعمة الزرفة ولا يغسلون أيديهم ويعودون إلى رقهم ونسجهم ولا يشم

 فيه من رواج تلك الزهورات شيء بل يطيب ذنبهم ويستذن ذره وذلك الدليل على

صحة الهواء وقلة الوباء وهم يدخرون ماء النيل عند صفاء في جواب لهم مستعذة

وطول هذه المدينة من جهة الشمال وهو [وهي] البحرية إلى جهة الجنوب وهي

القبلية [من الباب المعروف بباب القرط][ثلاثة آلاف ذراع ومائتي ذراع وسبعة

عشرون ذراعاً بالذراع الكبير الذي طوله أربعة وعشرون إباما وأربعهم] من

الباب الصغير إلى الباب المعروف بديرية ثلاثة ألف [بالزن] وخمسة وثمانين

ذراعاً بالذراع المقدم ذكره وذرع رأس سورة ستة [الآلف ذراع وثلاثة نسمة]

وسبعون ذراعاً يكون ذلك من الأميل ميلاً [ونصف ميل] ونصف ميل

ونصف عشر من ميل

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1 MS A, fol. 34b; MS D, 99b; MS C-2, 70b.
2 D: جمه الدين معين أحمد بن سالم محتسب العالم تنير سالم [C-2: تنير سالم.
3 Omitted from D.
4 D: مدينة تنير.
5 D: أكبر [C-2: أكير].
6 D: يهان.
7 Omitted from D.
8 D, C-2: وهي.
9 D: البحيرة.
10 Missing sentence completed by D, C-2.
11 D, C-2: آلاف.
12 D: سائر, not in C-2.
13 C-2: ثلاثة.
14 C-2: وثمانين
15 Missing words completed by C-2.
16 D: ونصف ميل.
وعدد أبواب السور التي يدخل منها ويخرج تسع عشرة بابا واحد منها مصفح بخاس وما سواء مصفح بالحديث وقطران يسلك تختها إلى ميناء alike لكل ميناء منها باب مصفح بالحديد يمنع من يريد أن يدخله أو يخرج منه.18 غير إذن وجميع مساجدها

ومحاربتي19 الداخلية فيها والخارجية منها سويا الجامع مائة سبعة وستين مسجدًا فأما الجامع فطوله من جهة القبلة إلى جهة البحر مائتا عشرة ذراع وعرضه من المشرق إلى المغرب حيد حيدًا وسبعين ذراعًا وطول زراعته الملاصقة له والمسافة 21 إليه سبعون ذراعًا وعرضها تسع عشرة وعشرة وعشرة يرقد فيه في شهر رمضان ثلاثة آلاف مصاح (ومائة مصاح) وثمانون وخمسون شمعة وكان يوجد فيه كل ليلة الفين وثمانمئة مصاح 23 وفي كل مسجد من مساجدها ناراً وكان بها من الكؤس عندن وسبعون كيسة إلى أن أمر بهدمها الحاكم بأمر الله في سنة ثلاث وأربعين فهد مت وجعل عوضها مسجد
وبه من الفنادق والقياس خمسون سوی [سويا] = 24 ثم بنى في سنة خمس وأربعون سنة أدر للتجار كبار فصبر الجنيس ستة وخمسون موضعًا

وبه من الحاوينت = 25 الحاوينت ألفان وخمسين فدهما مبلغ مصغرة أعداد رجالة مختلفة وأقلهم اثنين وأكثرهم عشرين وفيها من الدكاكين التي يساع فيها الزي وأنواع الثياب مائة وخمسون دكانًا فيها من الأرحة.26 مائة وستون يحيى [بيئا] 27 منها [ما] يشتيل على مدار ومنها على مدارين ومنها ما يشتمل على خمسة أجرام مضفرة ومعجنة وبها من الحمامات ستة وثلاثين بئا سوی ما يتخصيص بها أهلها في دورهم

17 D: ميناء
18 C: دخله أو الخروج منه; D: يدخل
19 D: محاربتي
20 C: مائة وستون
21 Ibn Bassām 1967: المسافة
22 Missing words completed by D, C-2.
23 D: مائين مصاح وثمانين مصاح
24 Not in D, C-2
25 C-2 adds, يحيى
26 Missing word completed by C-2.
ويبها من المناهج التي يعلها التايق خمسة ألف [٨٠] منسج عدد عمالها 
عشرة ألف [٨٠] نفس سوى من يطيب أو يبرق من ذكر وآخر ويخرج منها في 
كل سنة من الألف المختومة٣ عدد ما فيها من الألف والفخسية سلف ومن 
الزم ألف رزمة ورسم خزاعة السلطان اربعامة سلف [وفيها]٣٢ من الأمتعة ما لا يرى 
منها [٨٠] ثياب مذهبة على هيئة المخيط٣ مهيئة الثواب٣٣ منسوجة الثواب، ودينار ومنديل
المنديل٣٥ خمسة دينار ومراقبة المرتبة بألف دينار ومطارد ومقداد [٨٠] ومقاطع٣٦ 
ومفارش وستور وحبل ومعين وسقلاطون دقي ودقي ومستد٣٧ دقي ودقي وما لا
يمكن وصفه
والريح الدائر٣٩ بسور هذه المدينة بما في المغرب٤٠ [دار] الصناعة ودار الإمارة
وبينهما حمامات الرجال وعرصتين عظيمتين يرد اليهما ما يحمل من البلدان القريبة
والبيضاء
وفي الري٤٢ الديوان الكبير ويشتقل على [عده د] واو٤٣ وفيه دواليب تنقل الماء
وقت عربته [٨٠] عربته٤٤ إلى مصانع٤٥ هذه المدينة وحماماتها وفيها مطاحن جبج
ومواقد جير وإصطلب السلطان

٣٩ Ibn Bassām 1967.
٤٠ D: الغرب
٤١ D: دار.
٤٢ Ibn Bassām 1967, C-2: الأكثر.
٤٣ Illegible words completed by D, C-2.
٤٤ D: عربته٤٥; Ibn Bassām 1967: غربة وزيادة.
٤٥ Omitted from D.
وفي الرياح القبلية دواليب جامئة لنقل الماء إلى المصانع والحمامات فيه [وفيها] أخصائاتها كبيرة لتهذيب. وفي ديوان السماك وخنازير الأصياد وبالقرب منه أراضي تتباث الملح الذي يفوق بضاعته. وعذوبة كل ملح وكمته وفي الرياح الشرقية دواليب تنقل الماء إلى الحمامات.

وفي الرياح البحرية مساجد وكؤس ومفارش لئن بيض الأمتعة وحجارة منقوشة لضريبها ونقاتها كبيرة وهدف الرماة ومصلين أحمدها جنائز. [لجنائز] الموتى والآخر لصلاة العيد = العيد.

وجها من المرامك المرسمة لصيد السمك في البحر المختلفة الأسماء مثل الجرافات = الجرافات = والبكتارات والفنانات والسد والسحور والجراحين والباريات = ومرامك الزرعة والفنانين والطباخين ومرامك القعود والدق ومرامك المصاب = المضارب = = مرامك القرد = = مرامك اللب = مرامك اللب = والبحر = الجرافات = والبكتارات = والفنانات = العينات = السند = الجراحين = الحريس = النباتات = ومرامك كيف؛ D: Ibn Bassam 1967: D: ومرامك الطرازيين بالأشووم = D adds: وهو.

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وسبعين مركاً وأكثر. ما يحمل المركب منها ستين رجل، وأقله ثلاثة رجال. وقد تصيد هذه المراكب في بعض الأوقات من السمك، ولهذا السموك بها البري، البلغ، الازور، النيران، البلاط، إلى أن يكون الإبل الحبار، النون، الأحناش، الأنيس، المغشية، الكنيف، اللات، الحبار، المختص.

التقية: حوت جر [حت الحجر] السور. الرقاص. النعال. الزفوق. أَمَّ
عيادة السلوى، الراوي، الايراني، الديم، سيف الماء، حداة الماء، السلطون،
الجهاز القرش، الحدة، كليم المطر، السرود، الصح، الزلفين،
العيان النسا، الرعاد البلى، الاستمモン، القنين،
المجرة، أم الأسنان، اللفة الحبو، القليدس، الدلين،
وظهر بها في سنة ثمان وعشرين ذراع ونصف بلا قشر ولا صدف لونه أسود وطلبه أيض طول
رأسه سنة اذرع [ونصف] وعرض طرف ذبه خمسة أذرع وحمل إلى الحضره وكان
الملح له يدخل في فقه قائمًا غير محن [= منحن]
والدي يحب عن مصائد هذى السمك في كل سنة خمسون الف دورجار

99 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177); لم عيد: not in C-2.
100 Qazwīnī 1960 (177); بالبلو: not in C-2.
101 Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
102 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
103 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
104 D: السطور: C-2، الشبيطون
105 D: للجا: C-2، الفاحة
106 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
107 D: C-2، الحنة: not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
108 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
109 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
110 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
111 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
112 D: القمح: Yāqūt 1866 (1:885); C-2، الصهب: Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
113 D، C-2: الدلفين
114 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885); المضاء: D، Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
115 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
116 D: C-2، الأشجار: not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
117 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885); C-2، المغيرة: Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
118 Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
119 Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
120 D: C-2، القليدس
121 D: C-2، الأشجار: not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
122 D: C-2، القليدس: Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
123 C-2، الدلفين: Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
124 D: ثلاث
125 D، C-2، ابن
126 D: C-2، الأشجار: not in C-2.
127 Missing word completed by D، C-2.
وفي هذه البحرية أطيار كبيرة تأتيها في أوقات مختلفة حتى ان منها ما قد شوهد بالشرق ومنها ما قد شوهد بالغرب وفي بلاد الروم وغير ذلك والدليل على ذلك أنها توجد عند صيدها هزالاً ثم تمسن إذا اقامت في هذه البحرية أسرة الطيور البرازى [الجرادي] الصرد [الحسيني الصدر] للسنة أبو الحناب رقع 132
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العير:

الخطاف
الطرف.
ومن العصابات التي تثير أهلها ويحمل عنهم ما يصادف
بقضي الدباق وعدة الركاب
التي تصيد الديور وتعيش
من كسبها مائة وثلاثة عشر مزيكا
وعدة مايرة من القوارب والكماش
والعوارض الصادرة من تواصل [سواحل
الشام العليا في كل سنة خمسة قارب أكبرها تردد في الصليبية والريبية وما يرد من
إقليم مصر والصعيد والإسكندرية وأقصى الريف ما لا يضطع عدد له تكره تردد يناع
الخبرات من الفواكه وغيرها
وبها مصغتين [مصغتين] 
عظيمين [عظيمين]
ينسبان إلى عمر بن حفص
مكشو في السقوف الغربي منها واحد وعشرين بيتاً والشرقي
منهما عشرة بيتاً ومصنع
مستنقع وسط المدينة
بناء عبد العزيز الجزري [الجري]
[ينقل إلى] الماء
على دولااب يشتكي عليه
[على] ستين قادوسًا مدة شهرين كامنين بلبايعهما يسع كل
قادوس في تفرغه في يوم وليلة ألف جرة مملوء [ملوءة]
كل جرة

185 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177): البجع.
186 D: Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177): الرفادة.
187 Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177): السق.
188 C-2: فرد مقص;
189 D adds: المصغ.
190 D: نقص:
191 Not in Yāqūt 1866 (1:885), Qazwīnī 1960 (177).
192 C-2: يصد.
193 D: وعاش.
194 Omitted from D.
195 D: سواحل.
196 D: أصغت:
197 D: عظيم.
198 D: للجري.
199 D: للفري.
200 C-2: مصغ.
201 Not in D: Wسط المدينة.
202 C-2: الجزري.
203 Illegible word completed by D, C-2.
204 D: على.
205 D: ملوة;
206 D adds: عشرة

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ملء هذا المصنع ثلاثة ألف الف جرة 208 وستمائة [الف] جرة ولكتب هذا الرجل مصنع أخرى دون هذا ولن طولنا مثل مصنعته إحدما بالقرب من السوق والآخر في زيادة الجامع والذي يحتاج إليه أهلها من الفوات في كل سنة من الحنطة والشعير والقطان ماني الف باردًا وجدنا البادر 209 الفارسي يطحن في كل يوم وليلة سنة أربدب وكل إربد سنة وتسعين قدحا إذا ضربت هذه الأقداح في جميع ما يطحن من الأرداب والوابلات وأعطي لكل إنسان قدحا واحداً لوقت يومه كان 210 شريحة البلد خمسين الف وقد زيد على ذلك زيادة تقل وتكثر مع اختلاف السنين لأن الحاكة يحصلون [من الخبر الجريش] 211 المجفف في الشمس ما يدخرون للنشاء وقضر النهار فيستغنون به عن طحنهم 212 ولا يوجد في خرها [بخرها] 213 ولا في بره ولا في أرضها ولا في بانها 214 شيئًا من الحيوان المملك والديب المتلف

[35b]

وطائع تأسيس هذه المدينة برج الحوت وصاحب المشتري السعد الأعظم وصاحب الشرف الزهرة ولذلك كثر طرب نفوس أهلها وفرحهم ورغبهم في مداومة اللذات واستعانا بالأغاني ومواصلة المسرات والرغبة في الراحة وإطراف ما يحب التعب والمشقة والحب للمتقس والصور والرفق والتعون بالأصباغ وعلى قلة الصبر في السفر وترك المخالفة من يصحبون وكثير المبالغة لمن يلفون وحسن الموازرة لمن يستخدمهم

207 D, C-2: ثلاثة آلاف الف جرة.
208 Omitted in Ibn Bassam 1967; C-2: الرجل
209 D: المدار
210 D: وكأن
211 Illegible words completed by D, C-2.
212 D: طحينة
213 D, C-2 also: خرها.
215 C-2: صورة هذه المدينة المذكورة في الصحة [الصورة] التي عليها إنه شاء الله تعالى D adds: المؤدي
216 The text in the center of diagram, in both folios, is not in D.
وبهتهم للغزاء والمسافرين والمواظبة على مسيرتهم وسروهم بكماسهم وتمتعتهم وتركهم الحسد لمن يحبوه والحث على زلته ويمد حونه ويفضلونه ويقومون أنفسهم في التقصير عن واجباتهم 220 وما يستحقه والقيام بذلك.

[نونية]

وِبَنَتْ هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةُ بَنَتِ صَبْنَ تَدَارُسَ أَخْرَ 222 مُلْوَكَ الْقَبْطِ كَأَنَّهُ مَثْلُ تَنْتِسَ بُنَتِ صَبْنَ تَدَارُسَ أَخْرَ 222 مُلْوَكَ الْقَبْطِ كَأَنَّهُ مَثْلُ تَنْتِسَ عَدْلُ الْبَحْرِ وَهَدْمُ هَيْجٍ وَهَمْ منْ هَمَّ الْأَشْتَوْمِ عَلَى أَرَاضُهَا وَعَمَّارَهَا فِرْقًهَا فَمَأَكَانَ مِنْ أَرَاضِهَا مُسْتَقِبَ 223 هَلْكَ وَعَلاَّ الْبَحْرِ وَمَا كَانَ مِنْهَا عَلَى كُومٍ عَالِيٍّ مِثْلُ تَنْتِسَ وَتَوْنَةٍ وَغَيْرِهَا مَا هَا بَاقٍ مَّا يَلَعُوُّ الْمَا لَوْ بَقِى عَلَى حَالَتِهِ وَكَانَ ذُلِّ الْفَرْقِ قِبَلَ الْإِسْلَامِ بِمَنْهَا سَبِينَ وَقَدْ ذَكَرَ الْمُسْعُوْدُ يَنِ في كَأْنَهُ مَرْجُ الْجَذَّابِ يُبْنُ بَنُو الْبَحْرِ إِلَى الْقَفْارِ وَقَدْ شَاهِدْتُهَا ذَلِكَ بِفَي عَصُرِنَا فَنَذِلَّ مَا دَلَّ عَلَى صَحَةٍ فَوْلَهُ وَمَا أَسْتَبَحَرُ في طَرِيقِ الْجَفَارِ مِنْ مَوَافِقٍ كَانَتْ قَفْرُ فَصَارَتِ بِمَرْجُ عَلَمٍ وَذَلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ العَزَّيْزِ الْعَلِيمِ

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218 Not in C-2.
219 يحبوه
220 تناوله
221 أحد
222 خذل خُذِّرَهَا
223 مستغفلاً Ibn Bassām 1967.
224 Omitted from D.
[see fig. 2.10, for the Map of Tinnis, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

"The bahrat is about 40 kilograms. In the Tinnis area, there is a bahrat called the "Map of Tinnis." The map is located in MS A."

226 Map is found only in MS A.

227 MS C-2, Ibn Bassam 1967:

228 This label is found in the text of MS C-2, before the passage that starts with "This bahrat is called the "Map of Tinnis.""

وَبَنَتْ هَذِهِ المَدِينَةُ بَنَتَ صَحِيَّةً
الفصل الخامس عشر في جزائر الكثرة

ليس الغرض في كتاب هذا صفحات الجزائر المسكية وإنما القصد فيه لم من ذكر
كل فن يقرب فيه وقد أردنا في كتاب المسكي بالمحيط صفات جزائر الحبار كلها
حسب الطاقة والثاني ما تنتهي إليه أغلبنا وله المعين على رضا المستصفحين بنه وكرمه

[see fig. 2.11, for the Map of Cyprus, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]4

صورة جزيرة قبرس ومراسيها
طول الجزيرة خمسة وأربعون فرسخًا وعشرون فرسخًا وأولها ماجدي
الاسكندري وآخرها يحاذي اللاذقية
ولما فتحتها جادة من جهة وصالح أهلها على أربعة عشر ألف دينار واربعاء
لأخذ الثلاث عمزوأواثلث مسجلاً وذلك في أيام معوية بن أبي سفيان
مذن هذه الجزيرة المسطكي واللاذقية والميابة الأولى والطريق والزاج والقلقنث
والقلقيد ومن يجلب من أرض الروم إلى كل بلد من سائر المهر وغيرها
مرسي وتبنيه بافس حصن | خراب تسير من جميع الأرياح | الا من الأفريقي
[الفرنسي] تساعة (= يسع مائة؟) وخمسون مركا
مرسي بلبا بالفاس تسير (= يسر) من | ريح الفرس
مرسي الأطرافوس تسير (= يسر) | من ريح الرياس والأورس
مرسي فورة (= قورة) تسير (= يسر) من ريح الادوار ويصعد على ريح الرياس
مرسي رأس العباس تسير (= يسر) من الرياس وتصف (= ويصعد؟) على
النوطس
[...] جمجس لها كمية تسير (= يسر) | من جميع الرياح وتسعة (= ويسع
[الفرنسي] تسعة (= يسع مائة؟) وخمسون مركا

1 MS A, fol. 36b; MS D, fol. 105a8. Parallel material, without the title and the introduction, in MS C-2, fols. 74b10–77a6.
2 D: كابا المحيط.
3 Omitted from D: على رضا المستصفحين.
4 MS D, fol. 105b, has simplified diagram with the same title but with no labels.
5 D: مراكبا.
Fig. 2.11. Map of Cyprus. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 36b.
الوصى على قسطنطينة [القسطنطية] مرسي | لا تسير [يستر] من شيء من الريح
منبدأ الماعتوضة [الخاوية] تسير [يستر] من | جميع الرياح إلا الأورس
مسري ستون له كنيسة ودشة تسير [يستر] من ريح | الأورس والنطوس
مسري نهر الملك تسير [يستر] من | ريح أو رسل البرياس
مسري لبلوسي له كنيسة | تسير [يستر] من ريح الأورس
مسرى قيطس للقبيسة | تسير [يستر] من ريح البوتاس [النطوس] | والبرياس
مسرى الغرياس (؟) تسير [يستر] من | ريح النطوس
مسرى داسد له كنيسة تسير [يستر] من ريح | البوتاس [النطوس]
مسرى بوطة حرر [يستر] من ريح | الأرفيق والأووس وخفاء | من البوتاس
=النطوس] والملاء منه بعيد
مسرى أكوبونته [أكوبونته] كبير تسير [يستر] | من جميع الرياح وبينه | والشام
قلع يوم ومس من ليلة
وبينه | وبين اللاذقة قلع ليلة
يجادى اللاذقة وبين جزيرة رودس وبينه | قلع يوم وليلة بالبرياس

أشياء بقية مراسيها

مسرى الأقرير يسير [يستر] من البوتاس والبرياس | بالبرياس
مسرى كفاسية تسير [يستر] من الأرفيق والالجية
مسرى الحضي [الخضصى] تسير [يستر] من الأورس والبوتاس
مسرى الأرفيق تسير [يستر] من ريح النطوس
مسرى البلاجية [الملاجية] تسير [يستر] من جميع الرياح إلا ريح الجون
مسرى لايسيبس تسير [يستر] من البوتاس والأرفيق ويجدي (بأسيس)
مسرى سليس تسير [يستر] من البوتاس وفيه مركب ثوار | قبر
مسرى أقنة تسير [يستر] من البوتاس | البرياس) والأووس [البرياس] وهو
رأس | الجزيرة
مسرى النسب تسير [يستر] من ريح البوتاس والبرياس [البرياس][6

[6: البقية:
جزيرة إفريقيش
غزاء ه جنادة بن أبي أمية في زمن الوليد وفتح بعضها ثم انغلق وغزاه معروف الهمداني
إياهم الرشيد ففتح بعضها ثم غزاه في خلافة الأمويين أبو جعفر [أبو حفص] عم بن
عبي الأندلسي 10 المعر وف الإفريقيش فافتتح منها حصناً واحداً فتغلب له ثم يزد يفتح
شيء بعد شيء حتى فتحها بأسرها
جزيرة رودس
وغزاء رودس جنادة بن أبي أمية الأندلسي [وفتحها] 13 عنوة وكانت غيضة في البحر
وذلك في سنة اثنين (خمسين) للهجرة فرودس نحو من ستين ميلاً طول وهي من
أخصب الجزائر ذات أنهار وأشجار ومياه عذبة وكرم وقام به16 سبع سنين وطولها
خمسين ميلاً17 وأعرض مكان فيها عشرين ميلاً والمرسي منها في الغرب يستر18 كل رجاء
والماء في المرسي19
جزيرة سردانية
وحيط بها ثلاثمائة ميل
وجزيرة قورس وحيط بها مائتي ميل

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1 D: أمية
2 D, C-2: معروظ
3 D, C-2 also: أبو جعفر
4 C-2: 
5 D: فزل به
6 D: أمية
7 D: وفتحها
8 Illegible word completed by D and C-2.
9 C-2: النهرين
10 D: وققدم بها جنادة
11 Not in D: وطولها خمسين ميلا
12 D: يستغر
13 D, C-2: C-2: E: يمتد من
14 D, C-2: C-2: E: يمتد من
15 D, C-2: C-2: E: يمتد من
16 D: والماء غامسة على المرسى منها
[و شرح][23] قصص أهلها في كابنا الملقب بالمحيط وبالنوعي التوافق;

جزيرة واد [أر واد]
لثلاث خلود من نيسان عرف[29] كلام تكلم به الطير والوحش وفهم السراور

جزيرة حركة
وهي من جزيرة رودس في الغرب وبينها وبين رودس عشرين ميلًا وطول الجزيرة خمسة عشر ميلًا وعرضها خمسة أميال وهي محاذية جون طريقي الكبير وبينها وبين البر
ثمثين ميلاً وفيها حصن عامر.[31]

20 D: عامة وغامرة عظيمة.
21 D: جمعها.
22 D: معنى.
23 Missing word completed by D.
24 D: نال يخرج ... التوافق
25 أر واد: C-2: أر واد
26 D: أمينة.
28 Undotted in A; C-2: أبو قليس: not in D.
29 D: غرق.
30 C-2 omits: تقرير الجزيرة الحكم.

جزيرة الفنى في جبر الصين فيها نجى مدوّر آخر طويل من قرب به إتقانه ولم يفاته حتى ضوت
جزيرة كلّ النصف بين أرض الصين وأرض العرب وطولها ماتي في طولها فيها شير الكافور وسائر الأفواه فيها وله
معدن ذهب دقيق مثل الدقيق الحواري وليز، وبه مروياً يمْنَغ منه الدخول إلى جزيرة ملى فيها الفضل عاقب في نهر
على كل عقود ورقة كمية من المطر فإذا انقطع المطر ارتقت الورقة عنده بدرارة الله تعالى.
جزيرة تيلوا

وهو [٣٢ وهو] غربي جزيرة حركة وبينهما عشرة أميال وبينها وبين البر ثلاثين ميلاً وهي تجاوز جون طرخية الكبير وطولها عشرة أميال وطولها وطولها من الشرق إلى الغرب وفيها حصن عامر.

وقد احترقا [٣٣ اختيارنا] من جزائر البحر الرومي على ما يسهيل [٣٤ حفظه لم يزيد ثم نذكر ان شاء الله شيئا من جزائر البحر الشرقي فينها.

جزيرة ملجان [٣٥]

في بين سرنتيب وكه من بلاد الهند قوم سودان عراة إذا وقع في يديهم إنسان من غير بلادهم [٣٦ علقوه ملكسه وقعتها وأكلوه تناً وعددهم كثير وغذاهم السمك والوز والهارجيل وقصب السكر وله [٣٧ ولهم [٣٨ غياض وأجام وكهوف يسكنونها.

جزيرة كموقة [٣٩]

من جزائر الزنب يها جنس من الزنب يقال لهم البدوون يلبسون الفوتو ويطععون الطريق على السفر [٤٠ السفن] وسلاحهم السيوف والحراب ( ويأكلون من صفاد) [٤١ = ظفرها] به

٣٢ D: وهي
٣٣ D: اختيارنا
٣٤ D: يقرب
٣٥ D: فينها not in C-2.
٣٦ D: ملجان C-2: ملجان. See also Sauvaget 1948, 10 (no. 18).
٣٧ C-2: غيرهم
٣٨ D adds: ملكسه
٣٩ D, C-2: ولهم
٤٠ D and C-2 add: جزيرة عظيمة في شرقها بناة من سكان الجزيرة حري في أعلاها برودة تجمع من بحرها تقرأ فيها ناوس لبعض الملكي الصقيق من الأزمان المتقدم
٤١ D: كروة
٤٢ Undotted in A. D: البديعون: Idrisi 1970, 163, gives See also the variant readings البديعون: البدوون or البيديون (Ferrand 1913, 176).
٤٣ D: C-2: البديعون
٤٤ D, C-2: جزيرة حجاز بها خلق مشهوة الوجه قصار فلاها إلى صروره ولي وياكلون من نظرا ترزوه ووجههم عراص وآذانهم كبار يرثون الحضانات
جزيرة بطلابل[45] يسمع فيها بالليل الطبول 46 وانواع الملاهي والبحريون يزعمون ان فيها الدجال محبوبٌ 47

جزيرة الأزول

أهلها سودان وفيها القرنفل خاصة وهم يطعنون لهؤلاء ينت في بلا د Hundreds وها البسالة
وبعدا جزيرة اطواران فيها قردة كالمهام 49 كيرا مستكثفة الخلق مهولة المنظر

جزيرة بركوان [أبركوان][50]

من جزر بحر البصرة هذه الجزيرة فيها قلاع عدة واحصون فيها قلعة الأنصارية وقلعة البلور وقلعة العرب وهي داخلها وقلعة عرو وقلعة القسم [القسم] على البحر وقلعة
مسر وقلعة كرخان 52 وقلعة أبو دستان 53 فهذه من مشاهير [قلاع] 54 هذه الجزيرة
وبها أخوار عدة ترسى بها المرابك آمنة مطمئة ومياه كبيرة ومحتطب وأهلها إباضة وها
معاصم اللؤلؤ الجليل وطولها ثماني عشر فصعا [وعرضها اثنا عشر فصعا]

جزيرة سيناء

بلد جليل على خط الاستواء وها مدن جميلة وملكها ملكان 57 وهي [في] بحر الهرند
ويسكنها من كل أمة وها جبل الروهن الذي هبط عليه ادم صلتات الله عليه 59 وأثر

45 Missing words completed by D, C-2.
46 D adds: والباري.
47 D and C-2 add: جزيرة برسان بها خلق متمه ووجودهم ووجودهم في سموهم وهم فجان لكل واحد منهم له فج
وذكر وكلاهم صغير كغير الطيور وطعامهم شبه غذاء وطعامهم شبه غذاء وطعامهم شبه غذاء وطعامهم شبه غذاء
48 D: يطعنونه
49 D, C-2 also: كالجمال. كأحدم. But Ibn Khurرادودhhb 1899, 48 and Qazwini 1977, 155
50 بركوان
51 D: موسن
52 كرخان.
53 D: بوزستان
54 Completed by D.
55 D adds: جزيرة بركوان . . . فصعا . عرضها اثنا عشر فصعا.
56 D adds: كبيرة.
57 Not in D: وملكها ملكان
58 D, C-2: وثيرةها
59 C-2 adds: قال المسبغ في كتاب أخبار الزمان أن طول اثر قد رم تقدم أدم طوله سبعون ذراعا كما يقع
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قدمه في الحجر وقد غلب على الأثر الماء ومن يريد مشاهدته يغطس عليه حتى يراه
وحوله سبك أحمير مثل حمرة الدم من (لا كل منه) هلك لوقي.60 وسردئيب منابت
العود61 الهندي الذي ليس مثله ومعادن الذهب والياقوت الأحمير والأصفر والأزرق
ومعادن الماس وأشباه الياقوت62
ويبقى على وجه الأرض بلد آخر من خير (خيرا من) سردئيب وأهلها يركون
البحر63 وترد بها64 قوم من أهلها وترضوا للتجار بالقبض والاغتصاب بعد الأنواع65
ال untrue مدينة مندر وقنين (مندروقنين)66 وهي عدوانًا ومنهما أميالاً ومجيد
ومن سير67 ملوك سردئيب أن الملك إذا مات أخرا و[أحرا] أنفسهم68 وجميع من
كان يختص به الملك حتى لا يبق منهم غير نفس الملك ويحملون الملك الميت على جبلة

60 D adds: ومنى
61 D: الفئة الهنديه
62 Not in C-2.
63 D: الأصر.. الياقوت
64 D, C-2: الغزان
65 D: كه: A.C. Khwārazmī 1926, 3: اعنت مدينة البصرة في جزيرة سردئيب
66 D, C-2: وبيت
67 D: الفينة
68 D, C-2: ابن وفاة
69 D: الفينة
70 D: رطل
71 D, C-2: آخر خيرا من
72 D: وأهلها يراعون السفن التي تمر بها
73 D: جرح
74 D: السفن
75 D: C-2: مندر وقنين. See Masʿūdī 1962, 258 no. 441.
76 D: مندر وقنين
77 D: مسيرها
79 Not in D.
وقد ترك رأسه في اخرها الى أسفلها يسير وها ثم ترحل [ = تجر] [80] العجلة في الأسوق.
وامرأة تكس السراب على شعر ومانادي ينادي أيها المغترين [81] بالدنيا وذرفها انظر وا
لى من كان الملك نفاده [ = 82] فان الملك لا يدقعن عن نفسه شيئا.

جزيرة سقوطه
وطولها ثمانون فرقة وبها ثلاثة مدن وأهلها نصارى على مذهب النسطوريين وبهم
(شق) مفرط [83] وتعاقبون بقطع الأعناق وأكثر مبايعتهم [ = 84] للزنج الذين يقطعون
الطريق على المركب وهذه الجزيرة الصغر الاستوطي يعصر من حشائش بها وهي
قريبة [85] من مدن الزنج ومن أرض يقال لها مكونه [86]

جزائر السباحات [ = الدياجات] [87]
وملكهم [ = ملكتهم] [88] امرأة وهي جزائر عامة بالناس كثرة النارجيل واكثر أموال
المملكة الوعد بدوخونه وتلكون [ = وتعملون] [89] يتحمسون الدياج [ = الكستي]
يصاد بشوك النارجيل وفي هذه الجزائر [90] قطن كثير [91] وهم من أحسن الناس تلطفا في
بها وهو لا ينزيادة.

[80] C-2: تجر
[81] D: عن
[82] D: المغترين
[85] Illegible word completed by D. not in C-2: منبعهم.
[86] C-2: ملكهم.
[87] D: في قرة.
[88] D: مكونه; D and C-2 add: محكمة. D adds: محكمة
[90] D: الجريرة
[91] D: الملكهم
[92] D: الدياجات
[93] D: الجريرة
[94] C-2: وفيها قطن كثير.
جزيرة الراي

عظيمة كبيرة بها عدة ملوك من ملوك الهند وتبنت أرضيها شير الكافور (وبحا معادن الذهب وأهلها أقحاد شداد) ذوي دوًة وقوة على الحرب وجزيرة الكافور تظل مائة رجل وبها شجر بالقم وله حل كعمل الخنزير من الطعم لا يأكل وراءه شفاء من سمن ساعة وفيها نذكر أن كثيراً وجاميس كبيرة بما فيها الأفواه كله.

جزيرة الداسبي

أهلها زنج مفلقنون الشعور إذا أقفروا على الغريب أنقلوه حياً مستحكمين على ألمه الناس جداً ويسحبون النساء وهو طوال الوجه طوال الأقدام مشوه الحلق.

جزيرة لنكاوس  [ لنكاوس] أهلها يرض عرآة لا يضير الورق منهم ولا المرأة إلا على العورات ورق قبوق الشجر وقشوه وربون شعورهم والعنتر في بلادهم كثير يخرجون إلى المراكب في نجارهم فيبيعونهم العنبر بالصناُخ الحديد.

95 Completed by D.
96 D: بأألوَنَها.
98 Illegible words completed by D and C-2.
99 Illegible words completed by D and C-2. See also Muqaddasi 1877, 13 (line 10); Qazwini 1977, 154; Mas'ûdi 1938, 37.
100 D: جزيرة عظيمة.
101 D: بآرض هذه الجزيرة.
102 Illegible words completed by D and C-2.
103 D adds: لذكرها.
104 D: وفيها ذا الخلل المارة طمعه.
105 D: وقأ الاعون أن جزيرة الراي لا يقرها أحد الا دمي بالحبار وهو مموع.
106 D: الرسِّي: C-2: الداسبي. The description is usually ascribed to the islands of Andaman (الأندامان).
107 D: لنكاوس. Correction from Sauvaget 1948, 5 (n7).
108 D: بورق.
109 D: C-2: تقارب لهم.
110 D: C-2: توفارب لهم.
وهذه جملة من الجزائر ذكرناها. وقد قال بطليموس أن في البحر الأخضر سبعة عشرون ألف جزيرة عامة وغامرة. ولهذه البحار مفيضات عند هيجها وازخارها فتحر من شطوطها وتعد في ذهابها فراخ فسمونها أهل الشرق الأخوار وسمنتها. أهل الغرب الدخال وقد شرحا يسير منها على طريق المثال لغيره ليكون أقرب إلى الفهم بمشيئة الله وعونه.
الفصل السادس عشر: في صور الدخال التي هي الأخوار

فمن ذلك الحُوار، بلاد الروم

[see fig. 2.12, for the Bays of Byzantium, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

خور طرخية الصغير || أول (طول) هذا الجون اثنا عشر ميلاً وعرض
مدخله ثلاثة أميال ومدخله من مهب الجنوب إلى شرق الشلال

خور طرخية الكبير || طول هذا الجون ثلاثين ميلاً وعرض مدخله ستة أميال
ومدخله من الجنوب إلى الشلال والغرب وفي اخره جزيرة غير مسكونة
خور كارموا || طول هذا الجون || إثنين ميلاً وعرضه اثنا عشر ميلاً ومدخله
من مهب الجنوب إلى الشلال

خور موطلاً || طول هذا الجون خمسين ميلاً وعرض مدخله خمس وعشرون
ميلاً ومدخله من مهب الجنوب إلى الشلال

خور مياطيا || (مليطيا) طول هذا الجون ستة أميال وعرض مدخله
عشرين ميلاً وفي وسطه حصن يقال له مليطياً وفي مغربه وادي يجري إلى البحر
و في وسط هذا الجون حصن عامر يقال له مليطياً وبينه وبين البحر خمسة أميال وفي
الغرب منه وادي يجري (إلى البحر) تدخل الشلالات [الشلنديات] بوسعها وفي
جانبه قرى متصلة عامرة

وبعده إلى الغرب جون فلغرف وطوله اربعين ميلاً وعرض مدخله اثنا عشر ميلاً
ومدخله من الشلال إلى الجنوب وفي ثلاثه الاخير جزيرة صغيرة مدورة فيها حصن

1 MS A, fol. 38a10; MS D, fol. 111v.
2 D: الأجوان
3 MS D, أجون
4 In MS A, the text for the first five bays is inserted into a diagram of five finger-like inlets at the bottom of fol. 38a. The horizontal labels at the top of each ‘finger’ contain the name of each bay and the vertical lines contain a related brief account. The text inside the illustration is found only in MS A, and not in MS D, demonstrating that the illustration is part of the original treatise; the copyist of MS D omitted both the illustration and the text it contained. The rest of the text of the chapter is in both MS A and MS D.
5 Text resumes in MS D.
6 D adds: إلى البحر
7 D: السنديات
8 D: بلووس

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Fig. 2.12. Diagram of the Bays of Byzantium.
وبعده إلى الشمال جون أزمنة١ وطوله ثلاثين ميلاً وأعرض مكان في عشرون ميلاً.

و في آخره حصن عامر يقال له أزمنة١٨ بينه وبين البحر ثلاث مياً لفي مدخله جزيرة صغرى غير مسكونة تعترف بجزيرة جَرِجَس١٧، وهي جزيرة جنوبية يقال له قَلْس ومتى قت و في جانب الشرقي حصن يقال له فُوقية١٩ و مدنه مدخله من المغرب إلى الشرق و فيه جزيرة عامة مسكونة٢٠ و يعرف بالشمال جون (مَطْلَةٍ)جالوس٢¹ و طويل عشرون ميلاً في عرض سبعة

أميال ومدخله من المغرب إلى الشرقي و فيه جزيرة عامة مسكونة يقال لها لقوسة و يقال لها بَرَّس و يعرف بالشمال جون أستراس٢٢ والغرب٢٣ و في مدخله جزيرة صغيرة يقال لها يرَس و يعرف بالشمال جون أستراس بسبب جزيرة صغرى غير مسكونة و يقال لها يرَس و يعرف بالشمال جون أستراس٢٤ و يوجد عشرون ميلاً و فيه جزيرة عامة مسكونة يقال لها أستراس و في جنوبه خمس جزائر صغيرة غير مسكونة و يعرف بالشمال جون أستراس٢٥

وبعده إلى المغرب باب الخليج و في مدخله جزيرة صغيرة٢٦ و يعرف بالشمال جون مَطْلَةٍ جبالوس و في شرقيه حصن عامر يقال له ابنوّ٢٧ و يوجد عشرون ميلاً و فيه جزيرة ضيقة في باب الخليج خارج باب الخليج نصف ميل ي يكون عن عرض هذا

الموضع نصف ميل

١٥: أزمنة
١٦: أزمنة
١٧: جَرِجَس
١٨: قَلْس ومتى
١٩: فُوقية
٢٠: جزيرة عامة مسكونة
٢١: جَرِجَس
٢٢: أستراس
٢٣: الغرب
٢٤: صغير
٢٥: أستراس
٢٦: مَطْلَةٍ
ويفوه [= وبعده] إلى الغرب جون قرية طوله ثلاثين ميلاً وعرضه ستة أميال
وبعده من الجنوب إلى الشمال وفي الجانب الشرقي منه حصن عامر يقال له افراش
وفي الجانب الغربي مندخل حصن عامر يقال له أيوس
وبعده إلى الغرب جون بريورة [= برثورة] وطوله عشرة أميال وعرضها اربعة
أميال ومدخله من الجنوب إلى الشمال وفي شرقيه حصن عامر على البحر يقال له
بريورة [= برثورة] في غربي [= غربى] حصن عامر [يقال له] بمستوا
وبعده إلى الغرب مرسى يقال له أكستوس و بعده إلى المغرب حصن على البحر يقال
له سطوله [= سطوله ؟]
 وبعده إلى المغرب حصن يقال له افطر وبله وهي ضحلة منقطعة ليس يدخل إلى الجزيرة
بحد الأما بعد أن يخوض البحر إلى ركبها فإذا حاج البحر لم يقدر أحد يدخلها
وبعده إلى المغرب جون أسطريويميس [= أسطروميز] طوله ثلاثين ميلاً في عرض
عشرين ميلاً و في شاهل جبل يفوه [= تسكنه] الصقالية ومدخله من الجنوب إلى
الشمال
وبعده إلى المغرب جون ارميلية طوله خمسين ميلاً وعرضه عشرون ميلاً و في
وسطه في جاه الشرقي جزيرة تعرف بجزيرة اللح [= الملح ؟] غير مسكانة وبين هذا
الجون أن جون أسطروميسي جبل شاهق على البحر ليس في بلاد النصرانية أعظم منه
يقال له ملااس.

28 D: وبعده
29 D: افراش
30 D: أيوس
31 D: برثورة
32 D: شرقى
33 D: برثورة
34 D: غربى
35 Completed by D.
36 D: أكستوس
37 D: سطوله
38 D: افطر وبله
39 D adds: ثاني عشر
40 D: أسطروميز
41 D: تسكنه
42 D: الملح
43 D: ملااس

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وبعده إلى المغرب جون أبلونيقه [سلونيقية]44 وطلوه خسون ميلا وعرضه عشرون ميلا و في آخر حصن على البحر عمار يقال له سلونيقية وفي مدخل جزيرة عمار على البحر يقال لها قسندرية [سلونيقية]45 في حصن عمار وفي آخر هذا الجون في الناحية الشرقية جون صغير يقال له قفل ميتي 46 وفي شاليه حصن على البحر يقال له كبرس [كترس]

وبعده إلى الجنوب جون دمترادة [وين]47 جون سلونيقية وينه متأنون ميلا وطلوه ثلثين وعرضه عشرة أميال وفي وسطه جزيرة تعرف بجزيرة الراهب وفي آخر الجون حصن يقال له دمترادة غير مسكونة48 وخارج الجون يعرف بالصليب وبعده إلى [وين]49 الجنوب والمغرب جون لئادس وطلوه ستين ميلا وعرضه عشرة ميلا و في هذا الجون منفذ ينقطط49 في جانب حصن حرفدة49 في حصن بطلينوس و في شرقي هذا الجون جزيرة غير مسكونة يقال لها بندفوسا2 في ثلاث مداخل جزيرة يقال لها جزيرة الخمير وبالقرب منها جزيرة يقال لها لئادس53 وداخليه من الشمال إلى الجنوب والغرب

وبعده ما بين المشرق والجرب جون نافاسفارس54 ويئر هذا الجون مرسي السلسلة وجزيرة يقال لها فرمتة55 وطلوه اربعين ميلا وعرضه ستة أميال وفي متناها حصن عامر يقال له حصن عباس

وبعده إلى الجنوب والمغرب جون بطلينوس وطلوه [بمئة]56 ميلا وعرضه عشرة ميلا و في مداخل جزيرة التين صغيرتين57 غير مسكونة يقال لها [لهما]58 بطلينوس وتحاذيهما من

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44 D: سلونيقية
45 D: قسندرية
46 A: barely legible; D: قفل ميتي
47 Completed by D.
48 D: مسكون
49 Completed by D.
50 D: ينقطن
51 D: حرفدة
52 D: بندفوسا
53 D: لئادس
54 D: نافاسفارس
55 D: فرمتة
56 Completed by D.
57 D: غار
58 D: لهما
داخل الجزء Discussion of the Channel (ملاحظة) [صغيرة] 59 غير مسكونة يقال لها طفنيسة 60 وغريبها جزيرة يقال لها جمهور وشبان جهنم جون صغير طوله ميلين في عرض نصف ميل ترسى فيه المرآب وتأمن من كل ريح في 61 كل حلقة جزيرة غير مسكونة يقال لها فوكرس 62 وغريبها داخل الجزء جزيرة غير مسكونة في شبايا جهنم جون يقال
ل جون سلاما طوله ثلاثية أميال وعرضه ميل
وبعده إلى الغرب جون قوينأشفة 64 وطوله ثلاثية ميلاً وعرضه عشرة أميال ودخله من الشرقي إلى الغرب وخارجه جزيرة صغرى غير مسكونة يقال لها فوكرس 65 = قارة [البحر] بالقرب منها أربعة جزائر وفجن حضن عامر يقال له قورة بينه وبين البحر أربعة أميال وبعد هذا الحضن ما بين الغرب والجنوب حضن يقال له دملاص بينه وبين البحر ثلاثية أميال
وبعده إلى الجنوب والغرب جون أبلة وطوله عشرة أميال وعرضه عشرة أميال 66 وفي منتهاه حضن عامر يقال له أبلة قريب من الغرب = البحر 67 = البحري و في مدخل جزيرة تعرف بجزيرة الصنور و بين الجنوب والغرب 68 = حضن يسكته القتال يقال له راجفة 70 و بين جنوب راجفة والغرب حضن كريسة و في جنوبه حضن منوشة 72 و في جنوب منوشة
انفت يقال له ملاص وهو نصف المملك في البحر بين القطط والطويلة إلى سقيا يا
وبعده إلى الغرب 74 جون بالس طوله ثلاثية ميلاً وعرضه 75 عشرة ميلاً وفي جبل يسكته القتال يعرف بازروس و مدخل هذا الحضن ما بين الجنوب والشرق

59: صغرى
60: طفنيسة
61: Omitted from D: من
62: وفي
63: فوكرس
64: قوينأشفة
65: قوينأشفة
66: D: عرضه مثلها
67: D: الغرب
68: D: في هذا الحضن ما بين الجنوب والغرب
69: Completed by D. Also compare MS A, fol. 39b
70: Undotted in A: D: راجفة
71: Not in D:
72: D: منوشة
73: D: منوشة
74: D: الجنوب
75: D: وعرض مدخله

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وبعده إلى الغرب جون قلابطة وطوله خمسة وعشرين ميلاً وعرضه خمسة وعشرين ميلاً و في متهاته حصن يقال له قلابطة وبينه وبين البحر أقفة خربة 76 تعرف برأس منيا.77 حصن يقال له منيا78 و فيه جزيرة يقال لها فردومله79 [فردومله] و في غربيه حصن عامر على البحر يقال له رونة و مدخله من الجنوب إلى الغرب، وبعده إلى الغرب جون مثومه طوله عشرين ميلاً وعرض مدخله خمسة وعشرين ميلاً80 وفيه حصن عامر يقال له مثومة و في وسطه جزيرة يقال لها الزود81 فيها مرسى من كل ريح و علبة تحتها.82
وبعده إلى المغرب جون أرقلة طوله خمسة أميل وعرض مدخله عشرة أميل و في وسطه جزيرة غير [مسكونة]83 يقال لها أرقلة و علبة تحتها.84 حصن عامر يقال له بطرس85 وطول هذا الجون (ما)86 و سبعين ميلاً و عرض مدخله خمسة وعشرين ميلاً و في وسطه جزيرة غير مسكونة تعرف بجزيرة الكراث وشريها (ثلاثة)87 يام جزائر88 مسكونة وبين شالها والمغرب جبل ماد تسميه الصقالبة و مدخل الجون من المغرب إلى المشرق و علبة تحتها.89 حصن جون قرنة89 طوله ثمانين ميلاً في عرض عشرة أميل والمدخل من [المشرق والمدخل الجنوبي من]90 المغرب إلى المشرق وخارج هذا الجون جزيرة غير مسكونة يقال لها قاروه [قوارو]91 وأربع جزائر صغار غير مسكونة، و في آخر الجون حصن عامر يقال له قوترة92 [قوتره] بينه وبين البحر أربعة أميل و بعده إلى ما بين الجنوب والمغرب من جون قوترة حصن يعرف بدملاص وبينه وبين البحر ثلاثة أميل.

76 D: يقال لها
77 D: أممه
78 D: أممه
79 D: فردومله
80 Completed by D.
81 Undotted in A, D: المرود
82 Completed by D.
83 D: قواره
84 Superfluous; also in MS D.
85 Illegible word completed by D.
86 Illegible word completed by D.
87 D adds: جبر
88 From here, MS A repeats the description of the Peloponnesus, by describing again the Gulf of Corinth, but with some significant variations and additions. This repetition is not MS D.
89 Blank space, completed by comparison with the account of the same bay above.
90 Superfluous words crossed out.
91 Compare above, folio 39a13, where the name appears as قواره.
وبعده إلى ما بين الجنوب والغرب (٤) [جون أبلة[٩٢] وطوله عشرة أميال وعرض مدخله عشرة أميال في منتهى حصن عامر يقال له ابنة قرب من البحر في منتهى غربي هذا الجون حصن يقال له اركب بينه وبين البحر ثلاثة أميال وقعة مدلك هذا الجون جزءاً طويلة طولها ثلاثة أميال غير مسكونة يقال لها جزيرة الصنوبر ومن الجنوب والغرب من حصن أرغس حصن يسكنه الصقالبة يقال له راجفة ويبين وبين البحر ستة أميال وفيما بين الجنوب والغرب من راجفة حصن يقال له (اـركـب بين يـبين البحـر ثلاثة أميال وتقتل هذا الجون جزءاً طويلة طولها ثلاثة أميال غير[٩٣]) كرسية وفق جنوب كرسية حصن على البحر يقال له منوشه وقعة منوشه أنفه يقال لها ملاس وهو نصف المسلك في البحر بين القسطنطينية إلى صقلية وبعدة إلى الغرب من ملاس حصن عامر على البحر يقال له نوس[٩٤] وبعده حصن عامر يقال له اسموس قريب من المغرب.


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٩٢ Blank space, completed by comparison with the account of the same bay above.
٩٣ Superfluous words crossed out.
٩٤ D resumes.
٩٥ D: غرب، Compare folio 39a. ١٩ where the same gulf is called جون بالس.
٩٦ D: والشرق.
٩٧ From here until end of chapter, not in D.
٩٨ Compare above, folio 39a. ٢٠-٢١.
٩٩ D resumes: وقد انتهى المعروفة في الجون يعد الله وتوفينه بعضه وكرمه وله كرمه ولي الاجابة.
الفصل السابع عشر في وصف البحيرات

أكبر بحيرة على وجه الأرض البحيرة المسماة بالبطينة على خط الاستواء التي منها منصب النيل ومفيضه وطولها وعرضها (–)، وفيها جبل لا يخلو من النخيل بشفتة وصنفه، وأكثر القبطة تزعم أن الشمس إذا سامت ذلك الجبل في الصيف أذابت النيل عليه فقد النيل من ذلك النخيل واطرد في جريه والقول في زيادة النيل ونقصائه مختلف جدًا وقد أوددنا منه ما يقرب فهمه مستمعه ويصبح معناه على حسب الطاقة وجهد الاستطاعة وحالة القوة وإياه نسأله الإقامة من الخلل والزلل.

صورة بط(ي) ا(ال) (نيجل) الكبرى التي (على) خط الاستواء.

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1 MS A, fol. 39b; MS D, fol. 115r.
2 D: مصبه.
3 Lacuna in A and D.
4 D: دائمًا سرمدا، then adds: شناء وصفيًا.
5 D: وواه أسئل العون.
6 Completed by D.
[40a]  

[see fig. 2.13, for the Map of the Sources of the Nile, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]7

[001] هذّا البحيرة تسمى البطحاء وهي على خط الاستواء وفِيهَا جبل لا يفارقه النيل صيفًا ولا شتاءٍ
وجماعة يعمون أن زيادة النيل من سيول هذا الجبل في الصيف ومنها يجري النيل إلى حيث (مضب)
اته وآشادته وهم ثمان

[002] هذّا البحيرة تسمى البطحاء الغربية ونصب منها | هَـذِهُمْ أَنَهْرًا إِلَى الْبَطْحَاءِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَصْبُهَا إِلَيْهَا
من جِبْلِ الْقَمَرِ | حَمْسَةٌ أَنْهَارٌ

[003] هذّا البحيرة تسمى البطحاء الشرقية ونصب منها من جبل القمر | حَمْسَةٌ أَنْهَارٌ وَتَنْصُبُهَا إِلَيْهَا
البطحاء الكبيرة ثلاثة أُنَهَارٍ | هَـذِهُمْ مِنْ الْبَطْحَاءِ الْكَبِيرَةِ

[004] هذّا البحيرة تسمى البطحاء الرفيعة وسياها بطيوروس || الْقَارَةُ وَهِيْ بِقَرْبِ مِدِينَةٍ مِنْ مِدِينَ الزَّنْج
| تُعْرَفُ بِبَقِينَوْلَا وَمِنْهَا يَخْرُجُ الْقَمَرُ في النَّيلِ مِنْ مِدِينَ الزَّنْجَ | السَّوْسَارِ وَنَصْبُهَا إِلَيْهَا
عظم يقطع | مِنْ وَهْدَاءٍ وَذَهَابٍ وَرَمَالٍ | حَتَّى تَوَافَي إِلَى أَرْضِ الْبَطْحَاءِ فِي النَّيلِ | عند مدينة
دُنْقُلَة | وهِيْ مِنْ أَكْبَرِ الْبَطْحَاءِ | وأَعْظَمِها

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7 MS D, fol. 115b, which has the title of the diagram and the text of label 001, inserted within a diagram of three circles, two small ones and a lower larger one.
[see fig. 2.14, for the first diagrams of lakes, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]8

Fig. 2.14. Diagrams of Lakes. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 40b.

[40b]

[8] MS D, fol. 116b, has six circles surrounding a larger central circle, all unlabelled.

Fig. 2.15. Diagrams of Lakes, continued. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 41a.

[41a] [see fig. 2.15, for the second diagrams of lakes]^{10}

[007] بحيرة بحورية في بلاد الروم

[008] بحيرة بنمودية = شمودية في بلاد الروم

[009] بحيرة بوطية = نوطية في بلاد الروم

[010] بحيرة لشادة = لشادة في بلاد الروم طولها عشرة أميل في مثلها فيها جزيرة عامة وجبال

ومصها إلى البحر

[011] بحيرة نجاقية في بلاد الروم

[012] بحيرة دئة عددية طولها عشرة قاحص

[013] بحيرة الحبكان بفارس مالحة طولها اثنا عشر قاحصا

[014] بحيرة بين [ بمن] بفارس طولها عشرة قاحص

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^{10} MS D, fol. 116b, has eight unlabelled equal circles.
بحيرة ما اسليونَ، في بلاد الروم
بحيرة ورحلة يفارس كبيرة
بحيرة مرامية تسمى كودان
كودان، في اذريجان ملحة ليس فيها سهك ولا دابة
وهي كالزغيرة
بحيرة في أبين الزغاوة والواحات هائلة ملحة ليس فيها حيوان ولا يغرق فيها حي
[بل] إذا مات رست [رسى] وفيها قوم لا يعلمون السُودان من أي الناس هم
يض الوجه حسان الوزير وزمت الرواة أنهم أصحاب يونس النبي عليه السلام ولا
يصل إليهم أحد ولا هم يصلون إلى أحد وهم وراء هذه البحيرة
بحيرة أخرى دور شهر في شهر ملحة وعليها الآن الاتراك الغزية وغيرهم وهي أكبر
بحيرة على وجه الأرض
بحيرة سباحة في بلاد الروم
بحيرة ما ماسليون في بلاد الروم
بحيرة يُجرجان عليها عدة أنهار ويجري إليها نهر من حلب [جبيل] مدينة طرقي
بحيرة ري عند جبال اليم طولها خمسين فرسخًا

11 D: ما ماسليون
12 D: ورحلة
13 D: كودان
14 D: ولا يطف فيها غريق
15 D: بل
16 D: رست
17 D: وهم
18 D add: بقية
19 Completed by D.
20 D: طول
21 D: ألف
22 D: الغزية
23 Not in D.
24 D: جبل
25 D: طرقي
26 D: دني
27 D: اليم
بحيرة أزرية [= أنقية] في بلاد الروم.

بحيرة خلابطل نصف [ب] = بضعة

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بحيرة خلافها وفؤها ماله

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بحيرة بالمغرب بقرب [ن] = تعرف

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بحيرة طبرية وطبيبة ماها وسرعة برده، وكزها سمكها فاكملت الواجه عليها.

٣١

بحيرة دمس مايء لطيفة تجمع الطي (مدهكير وتفيض) فيها وها سبك (إسمه) الترفير

٣٢

= [عند] الفرير

٣٣

بحيرة يمد (أنطاكية)

٣٤

بحيرة بقرب نهر الزندردود [= الزندروه] وطولها عشر فاسته.

٣٥

البطاح [= البطاح] عند العراق، ينصب فيها ماء الفرات.

٣٦

بحيرة قرب الصين دورها، سبعين ميلاً.

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بحيرة سآ (واقصرد) بين يهارا والمرمدة طولها أربعين فاسته.

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٣٩ D: عبداً.

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٤١ D: يمد.

٤٢ D: يمد.

٤٣ D: يمد.

٤٤ D: يمد.

٤٥ D: يمد.

٤٦ D: يمد.

٤٧ D: يمد.

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بحيرة مسكونة في بلاد الروم

بحيرة المراغة في أرمينياء طول اربع فراشة وعرض اثنين وعشرين فرسخًا مالحة مظلمة ليس فيها حيوان ولا دابة تشبه الزغبية [الزغبية] ومنها بورق الصاغة

[بحيرة زغر المشهورة بالدانتة ونصب فيها] نهر الأردن يفيض في وسطها [وسطها]

ولا تزيد ولا تنقص يظهر فيها عند هيجها شيء كالميزة الطائلة صمغي الجمع يعرف بالزمر

يستعمل في مهمات كثيرة

بحيرة فلمنية يصب إليها نهر المقلوب ونصب منها الي نحو أنطاكية

بحيرة قنبرين لطيفة نصب إليها ماء نهر قويق ويفيض فيها بحيرة [الفلمنة] في بلاد الروم.

بحيرة مسكونة في بلاد الروم.

بحيرة ذات بطاخ (طول ثلاثين) فرسخًا [فرسخًا] في منهلها.

[بحيرة الإسكندرية] كانت كروم لابنة المعقوق وكانت تأخذ خراجها خمرًا فطال ذلك عليها وغصبت وغرقتها بمجرى من البحر الملح فلم تزل بحيرة الى ان ورد ابن المنا [المدير]

إلى مصر فأمر بصد الفاعل فاكتشفت الأرض وهي اليوم سكنى بنو قرة.

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48: حيان.
49: الزغبية.
50: وهها.
51: Completed by D.
52: وسطها.
53: فنصب.
54: Illegible word completed by D.
55: مسكونة.
56: بحيرة الطاباخ.
57: Lacuna completed by D.
58: فرسخًا.
59: والاستخدام.
60: D adds: بحيرة بقرب نهر الزرندود طولها عشرة فرسخ وهي حلوة.
61: المدير.

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٦٢ The following is a verbatim citation from Ibn al-Bassām’s treatise on Tinnīs (MS C-2, fol. 74b).
٦٣ Completed by D.
٦٤ Qur’an 18:42.
٦٥ Completed by D and C-2.
٦٧ Illegible word completed by D and C-2.
٦٨ د. [٦٨] = رجه.
٦٩ D: مستقلها; C-2: مستقلها.
٧٠ D: مستقلها.
٧١ Illegible words completed by D and C-2.
٧٢ D: كوم.
الفصل الثامن عشر في الأنهار وأشكالها والمتصل بها من المدن

[see fig. 2.16, for the map of the River Nile, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided in square brackets]1

صورة النيل وتخرجه من عشرة أنهار في جبل القمر منها في شرق خمسة
و في مغرب خمسة ثم ينصب إلى بطيحتين ومن البطيحتين إلى بطيحة كبيرة على خط
الأستواء ثم يمد إلى أساتيه البلدان ويأتيه [نهر] من بلاد الرحيف من بحيرة يقال لها
القارة و تعرف بجزيرة قيلو [ قيلو ] ويأتيه نهر آخر من نحو بلاد المغرب من
ما ينجم تحت الكثيب الأبيض عند شاطئ البحر المحيط ويصب فيها أنهار كثيرة
ثم يمد جريه عند نقصان كل نهر على وجه الأرض حتى لو قال قائل [ إنها تده في
زيادته بباها ] [ بباها ] كان ذلك ومطاوعه السرطان والساعة المرح وعرفة زياته
ان تنظر الى، تحل السنة إلى المرح، وان كان في مسيره الأكبر كانت الزاد متوفرة10 وان
كان في مسيره الأوسط تمت | ( زياته11 ) وان كان بطلًا في مسيره كان ناقص الجري
فأعلم ذلك 12

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1 MS D, fol. 119b, has the text of the long opening label (001), followed a sparsely labelled diagram. While there are fewer labels in the diagram of the Nile in MS D, it adds four labels at the bottom and left of the map, in the part that is missing from the damaged Nile map in MS A (Labels 027–030).

2 D: نهر مصر
3 D: البطيئة
4 Completed by D.
5 D: جزيرة
6 D: قيلو
7 D: الجزار
8 D: وطاعه
9 D: في
10 D: متوفرة
11 D: كانت زياته متوسطة.
12 D: والله تعالى أعلم بالغيب.

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Fig. 2.16. Map of the Nile. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 42a.
الشرق: 13

المرج 14

المغرب 15

الإقليم (الثاني) 16

جبال الولادات | طريق الولادات

= الولادات 17

ابتداء هذا النهر عند طول ستة واربعين درجة

الإقليم الثالث 18

ولعب المسمى

دار العرش

الخليج الأيمن | دار من نهر إلى النيل 19

البئر والصيف

الخليج (الرايع) 20

قطر هذه البطحية الشرقية خمس درج

الشرق 21

فلكية يكون للثوابت مائتان أربعة وثمانون ميلاً

البحر الشرق 22

وخمسين درج

صورة الفسطاط المدنية 23

خط | الاستواء

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13 Also indicated in this location on D, as جبال القمر.
14 Also indicated in D.
15 MS D: جبال الولادات indicated on bottom right of the diagram.
16 Map of the Nile in D has this label in this location.
17 Map of the Nile in D has this label in this location.
18 Map of the Nile in D has this label in this location.
19 Map of the Nile in D has this label in this location.
[see fig. 2.17, for the Map of the Euphrates, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

[001] [٧٣١] [٧٣٢] [٧٣٣] [٧٣٤]

[002] [٧٣٥] [٧٣٦]

[003] [٧٣٧]

[004] [٧٣٨]

[005] [٧٣٩]

[006] [٧٤٠]

[007] [٧٤١]

[008] [٧٤٢]

[009] [٧٤٣]

[010] [٧٤٤]

[011] [٧٤٥]

[012] [٧٤٦]

[013] [٧٤٧]

[014] [٧٤٨]

[015] [٧٤٩]

[42b] [٧٤٩] [٧٤٠] [٧٤١] [٧٤٢] [٧٤٣] [٧٤٤] [٧٤٥] [٧٤٦] [٧٤٧] [٧٤٨] [٧٤٩]

[٧٤٩] [٧٤٠] [٧٤١] [٧٤٢] [٧٤٣] [٧٤٤] [٧٤٥] [٧٤٦] [٧٤٧] [٧٤٨] [٧٤٩]

[٧٤٩] [٧٤٠] [٧٤١] [٧٤٢] [٧٤٣] [٧٤٤] [٧٤٥] [٧٤٦] [٧٤٧] [٧٤٨] [٧٤٩]

MS D, fol. 120a, has the entire text of the long opening label (001), which is mostly lost in MS A. The sparsely labelled diagram in the following folio, fol. 120b, appears to be a diagram of the Euphrates, but could also be a diagram of the Tigris.

٧٣٢ صورة الفرات

٧٣٢ Damage completed by D.

٧٣٢ Damage completed by D. D adds, probably a copyist's homily:
Fig. 2.17. Map of the Euphrates. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 42b.
See fig. 2.18, for the Map of the River Tigris, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets.

The diagram in MS D, fols. 120a–120b, has the entire text of the long opening label (001). The sparsely labelled diagram that follows, in fol. 120b, appears to be a diagram of the Euphrates, but could also be a diagram of the Tigris.

Illegible words completed by D.

Completed by D.

In the Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D, this label is right at the top (north) of the map.

The Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D has in this location:

The label is indicated in the Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D at the centre left.

The label is indicated in a similar position in the Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D.

The label is indicated in the Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D at the bottom left.

الدجلة

[001]

وادي

[013]

جبل

[002]

حران

[014]

جبل

[003]

ندشان [تل بني سبار]

[015]

ارمينية

[004]

ميافارقين

[016]

رزن [أرزن]

[005]

ديار بكر

[017]

دوشة

[006]

معلاة

[018]

دعاية

[007]

بارزاد [بازد]

[019]

جبل ار [از] عبيد

[008]

المل [ايل]

[020]

نهر ساطيدانا [نهر ساديدان]

[009]

قري

[021]

طوز [طوز]

[010]

رأس العين

[022]

جرس منج

[011]

هذا الجبل متصلى بجمال ارمينية

[023]

باس

[012]
Fig. 2.18. Map of the Tigris. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 43a.
[see fig. 2.19, for the Map of the River Indus, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]

[43b] The label is indicated in the Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D, at the centre right.

[40] The label is indicated in the Euphrates/Tigris diagram in MS D, also at the bottom right.

[41] The map and its labels are only in MS A, and not in MS D.
Fig. 2.19. Map of the Indus. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 43b.
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[see fig. 2.20, for the Map of the River Oxus, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]42

42 MS D, fol. 121a, has an untitled, simplified and sparsely labelled diagram of the Oxus.
43 Labels 003, 004 and 005 are indicated in the same position on the diagram of the Oxus in MS D.
44 Indicated in the same position on the diagram of the Oxus in MS D.
45 The label indicated in the same position on the diagram of the Oxus in MS D reads: سکندر

[001] نهر جيحون | طالعه القوس ساعه
[002] نهر بان | [بربان]
[003] نهر ورس [خشاب]
[004] عين عيسى
[005] عين طرکد [تمیم]
[006] نهر ارزون جاراع

081 082 083
Fig. 2.20. Map of the Oxus. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Arab. c. 90, fol. 44a.

The label indicated in the same position on the diagram of the Oxus in MS D also reads:

القديريات [القديريات]

46 The label indicated in the same position on the diagram of the Oxus in MS D also reads:
الفصل التاسع عشر في وصف الأنهار:

لو احتجنا إلى وصف شكل كل نهر في بقعة الأرض لطال ذلك علينا وخرج الكتاب عن معاني الاقتصار فيه والاختصار في ما يحتاج إليه من المعارف فنبدأ بسجية الأنهار الباقية على حسب الاستطاعة بشيئة الله وعوته.

فقوله: ان الماء مراج الروح وصفي [ = صفاء] النفس وق[واق] الأبدان من النامي من الحيوان مجاذس له بمثابة ه [ = معاوته]8 ومن فضلته ان كل شراب وان رق وصفا وعذب وحلا وليس يعتنض من الماء ولا الماء لملك الحيوان إذ كان قوامه في جسمه وقوته ومراعته وما عراؤه10 ونظر الى الماء الجاري سراً للنفس وصفا للعين وراحة للقلب وما عساك بما إذا أملح أظهر العين وأظهر الدر والجزهر وأذا صفا وطاب احيا النفس وان ليس شيء الا فيه ما او قد أصابه ماء او خلق من الماء والنطفة تسنى ماء والما يسوى نقطة

وهو ما يطيب الأفواه بعد شربها لسائر المعمولات من السكر وغيره ويسرع بالطعام في المري وظهور [= طهور] الأبدان وغسول11 للأداين12 للأطراف13 وقال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم الماء لا يفسد شيء وهو حيوة كل شيء15 وأحد الأركان الأربعة وقيل ان أفضل الماء من [= ماء16 السماوات الذي يؤخذ منه في ثوب نظيف (ثم ما17 وقع منه على جبل فاجع عليه شجاعة ثم ماء الأنهار العظيم ثم ماء الحوض الكبير العميق وما

1 MS A, fol. 43b; MS D, fol. 121a. D: احتجنا.
2 Illegible letter completed by D.
3 From here until ما، see also in Ibn al-Faqi 1885, 220، Ibn al-Faqi 1973267.
4 4 صفا: صفا.
6 D: وقع.
7 Ibn al-Faqi 1885, 220: بمجاذهته لها ومغاءته أيها [غذاء].
8 D: ي وقع.
9 D adds: يا.
10 Not in D.
11 D: ثم
12 D: وغسول.
13 Correction from Ibn al-Faqi 1885, 221، Ibn al-Faqi 1973, 269.
14 D: حياة.
15 From here until ماء الحوض الكبير العميق، is also in Ibn al-Faqi 1885, 223، Ibn al-Faqi 1973, 269.
16 D: ثم
17 Missing words completed by D and Ibn al-Faqi 1885, 223.
تُعد من الجبال ثم الماء الحار المغلي يصلح لكل شيء والماء الذي يوجد [= يؤخذ] من البرد في الشتاء ولا ينبغي أن يشرب
وماء السياق إذا اخذ في شيء نقي وشرب منه صاحب القد والبرقان نفعه وان اخذ في حام [= جام] قبل أن يقع على الأرض وشربه من أراد الحفظ للعلم نفعه وان أخلط به قليل عسل ومصطلك ذهب بالبهق وماء البرد إذا اخذ وألقي على قصب فارسي محرق واستبكَّ به نفع من الحفر وصلب الأسنان وماء التلج إذا اخذ مع عرق الناسين وسقى من به الكراز سكن عنه وان سقي معه ليبن الأثان [23] من به خفقات الفواد سكنه وان أخلط به زيد البحر وطلبي به الجرب اذهب وان اخذ رماد تنور وخلط بهما التلج وطلبي به البهق الأسود أذهب وان اخذ ما القناة الجديدة وقت فيه رغبً في جنوة حذرت وصب عليه قليدا وكله من به رياح السوداء نفعه ونفع من وجب الفواد والمعدة فأيما عين يظهر ماؤها قريبا فانه ينفع من الجنون والوسواس وان ظهرت عين في سبخة وطرح فيها الاسفيد [= الاسفند] المنسوب وأصل الكبر المدقوق كان ماء تلك العين دواء للمجذمين والعيون الكريبة تنفع من الجرب وما [= الماء] الإلمح من البحار إذا اخذ مع السهد [= الشهد] والسعد ودلك به اللسان قطع عنه البحر [= البحر] وطبب الفم واللثكة) [29]
القول في الأنهار

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18 D: يؤخذ
19 D: جام
20 Not in D.
21 D: واستبك
22 D: به من
23 D: الأثن
24 D: الاسفيد
25 D: المشوي
26 D: ووالماء
27 D: الشهد
28 D: البحر
29 Illegible letters completed by D. D adds: والله أعلم بالغيب
30 D: الزابين
The river and the river Jordan are both mentioned in a historical context, with the Jordan River being a significant geographic feature in the region.

31) D: Jûrân
32) D: Jûrân
33) D: Jûrân
35) D: Zurrân
36) D: Jûrân
37) Illegible letter completed by D.
38) D: أرِّي
39) D: البحارة
40) Illegible letter completed by D.
41) D: أري
42) Ibn Khuradadhbih 1889, 177:
43) Illegible letter completed by D.
44) D: الأردن
45) D: دلله
46) D: جرب
47) Ibn Khuradadhbih 1889, 177:
48) Illegible letter completed by D.
الفصل العشرين في جنوب نبات الماء من السمك والوحش البحرية:


7 تمام الفصل في البحيرات التي على صورة منازل القمر. 

دابة تسمى موك لها وجه انسان بلحية على رأسه قنزة وله جسد طائر يجناحين ورجلين ومن وسطه إلى اخره (حية ملونة) على اسم الشرطين.

5 ودابة تسمى (تان)9 رأس 10 طائر باذنين وبدن انسان ويدين 11 وجناحين وله اخره رأس انسان بلحية على قلاع وامام البطين.

7 ودابة تسمى قرس 12 على صورة امرأة جالسة مترعة على رأسها كدليل بضائر شعر مدورة بيدها 13 شجرتين وهي على اسم البئر.

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1 MS A, fol. 45a; MS D, fol. 123a; MS G, fol. 156b–161b. 
2 D and G also: Correct form in Sauvaget 1948, 3. 
4 D: بيجر الصين حوت 
5 D: استوان G: مستان 
6 D and G: بجانها.
7 G adds: الثمانية والعشرين.
8 Illegible words completed by D and G.
9 D: تاش G: تاش 
10 G: بالرasso 
11 Not in D. 
12 G: قرس 
13 D: بيدها.
وداية تسمى نيرس١⁴ على صورة نصف وجه إنسان رأقد على ظهره ورائع رجليه
خليج وجه معلق الفخذين ومسك بديع تقليد فوقع رأسه بدن حية ملتوى
[راجعًا إلى ظهره على اسم الديران]¹⁵
وداية تسمى شرق ق [ك] على صورة إنسان بنصف وجه يده اليمنى إلى صدره مادًا
يده اليسرى منعقد الوسط من وسطه إلى أسفله (بدن)¹⁶ صب على اسم الهقعة
وداية تسمى سوش على صورة امرأة يدها اليسرى على خذها ورفق هذه اليد على
كفها اليمنى على رأسها إكليل من وسطها إلى أسفل [اسمها]¹⁷ خلقية سماكة بذنب على
اسم [الهقعة]²¹
وداية تسمى كاش على صورة امرأة مربعة على رأسها إكليل مدور وفقي جريها عود
تضرب ولها ضفائر مسندة على اسم الذراع
وداية تسمى حرودش على صورة نصف وجه وعلي رأسه قنوصة مائلة محيطة به
مادة من وسطه إلى الآخر بدنا أشكر بجنائيين وبدن وجنائيين وذين كذين الأسد
على اسم النيرة
وداية تسمى غلص على صورة رأس كلب بأذنين وبدن طائر بجنائيين ورجلين
ومخالب تم ترت في خلقه حية إلى طرف الذنب فيكون رأس إنسان بلحية وشق وجه على
اسم الطرفة²⁰
وداية تسمى سل على صورة رأس عظيم بشعر ولهية ونفذي سبع متصل بعنته
برجلين ومخالب على اسم الجبهة

¹⁴ G: نيرس.
¹⁵ D: معلق.
¹⁶ D and G add: راجعًا إلى ظهره على اسم الديران.
¹⁷ D: شرق ق.
¹⁸ Illegible word completed by D and G.
¹⁹ D: ذيوس.
²⁰ A: أسفلها.
²¹ G: كاش.
²² D: حرودش.
²³ D and G: أشكر.
²⁴ D and G also read سوش.
²⁵ Undotted in A. D and G: غلص.
²⁶ Completed by D and G.
²⁷ Undotted in A and G. D: سل.
وداية تسمى لوش بصورة وجه إنسان بشق وجه وبدن طائر على اسم الخزتان

وداية تسمى سقار بصورة رأس دابه وأذنانه وعنقه وجناحان وبدأ أسد قد بسطهما وأخرى بدن حية مليئة ملتوية على اسم الصرفه وداية تسمى قباس رأسه رأس أسد مفتوح الف مبادي الأنياب وبدنه مخلقة الأسد بجناحيين وفي آخر ذبه رأس إنسان بلحية وشعر قائم على اسم العوا وداية تسمى أركوش رأس نصف إنسان متصل الأثنين بالجهة بلحية ماد يده اليين قابض بها على رأس إنسان ممسك بها حليته وقد مد اليد الأخرى من خلفه ووسطه صورة سمكة على اسم السماك

وداية تسمى حومس بصورة رأس إنسان بلحية وأذنين مثل آذان البقر وبدنه بدن طائر بجناحيين ورجلين وذنب على اسم الغفر وداية تسمى أوراس بصورة جاريتين مفترتين كل واحدة وجهها في وجه الأخرى وبينهما شيء يجعلانه كالعقد ولهما جناحيين من خلف ظهرهما وأرجلهما راجعة إلى خلفهما على اسم [الزبان] وداية تسمى كروس بصورة وجه كبير بشعر كبير على رأسه ناجم ثم يفتقر إلى أسفل الجسد بجسد بيضي حيثين ملتوتين وذلك على اسم الإكليل

28 D and G: لوش
29 G: A: لون الخزتان undotted, as it does in fol. 19b. Both names are in Birüni 1934, 164.
30 G: مقار
31 D: مليئة
32 D and G: قباس
33 D and G: أركوش
34 Missing words completed by D and G.
35 D and G: حومس
36 D and G: أوراس
37 G: مفترتين
38 D: ظهرهما
39 Missing word completed by D and G.
40 D and G: كروس
41 Not in D.
ودایة تسیّ لطوش 42於 صورة وجه انسان لحظة صغيرة وجسد إلى الوسط متكبین ویدين کیدین ['کیدی] 44 عقیبین معقدتين مسبلتین إلى أسفل بغير کف ولا أصابع ومن وسط = [وسطه] 45 صورة حیة بغير رأس وذنب طائر على اسم القلب
ودایة تسی رزک 46於 صورة [وجه] 47 انسان بشق وذاذن کاذین الثعلب ویدين قد بسطهما الى الشق الأيمن ومن وسطه الى أسفله صورة حیة غليظة على مثال
الشوانة
ودایة تسی بجان 49於 صورة امرأة بضفائر شعر على رأسها إكليل مدور ویدی طائر بجناحين تشبه 50 النعام.
ودایة تسی حرش 51於 صورة انسان بشق ملتفت إلى يهیه ماد يبیه إلى سیف 52 وقد مد الید اليسرى مبسوط الراحة عليها رأس جاریة بشعر مرخی وقبضه ذنب حیة
یشبه 53 سعد الداج [البلدة].
ودایة تسی صلوات 55於 صورة رأس أسد في همکة بارزة وبدنه بدن أسد ویدیه يدی انسان ورجلیه على [رجلی] 56 أسد وفى عنقه حیة ملتفة تشبه 57 سعد بلع
[سعد الداج] 58

43 Not in D.
44 D and G: کیدی.
45 D and G: وسطه.
47 Missing word completed by G.
48 D adds: وجه.
49 Undotted in A; D and G: بجان.
50 D and G: على اسم.
51 D and G: حرش.
52 D and G: سیف.
53 D: على اسم.
54 D and G: البلدة.
55 D and G: صلوات.
56 D and G: رجلی.
57 D: على اسم.
58 D and G: على اسم سعد الداج.
وداية تسمى قوف [؟] على صورة نصف أسد برجلين [= برجلي] الإنسان وذنب

[أسد] [و رأسه في] داخل في شيء له رؤوس [كُبيرة تشبه بسعود الامامية [بسطه]]

بلغ

وداية تسمى لغوس [؟] على صورة إنسان قائم بشق وجه ملتفت إلى يمينه ومعه كهيئة

الدلو في حل ملتف عليه تشبه بالفرغ المقدم [= بسعود السعودية]

[داية تسمى فرنس] [؟] على صورة نصف إنسان بيد واحدة ورجل وهمسك حية

ودب ذنب أسد قد ابلغ الحية على صورة بسعود الامامية

وداية تسمى حدفس [؟] على صورة إنسان بشق وجه في يده حبل في صورة حية

وفي آخره رأس مدور كأنه رمانة تشبه بالفرغ المؤخر [= المقدم]

وداية تسمى طفس [؟] على صورة إنسان بدن [بسطه] سميكة كبيرة بأي

[بأربع] شوكات كبار تشبه على صورة بطن الحوت [الفرغ المؤخر]

وفي سبك يقال له الخراطيم مثل الحيات في ناقير كنائير الكراكي وت في المقام [المنقار] أسنان كأسنان المشار.

وفي سبك يقال له الأطم 83 له فرج كفرج المرأة وشعر كشعرها و ليس عليه فلوس ووجه كوجه الخنزير 84.

وفي عقرب يجاه العقرب 85 ذات رأسين وذنب من جانبها 86 إذا عضت الإنسان قلته.

وفي سبك على خلقة البقر يعل من جلوسها الدرب يقال أنها تحيض فترضع 87.

وفي سبك يقال له الدخس يجي الغرقاء.

وفي سبك إذا هاج البحر خرج من قرعه وظهر في موجه فيعلم اهل البحر بذلك يسمى بالبصرة 88.

البرستوح 89 الفرسانو [البرستوح] 90.

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79 Not in G.
80 Not in G.
81 Missing line completed by D and G. G adds: وهو الغشام.
82 D: السلفافاة; G: السلفافاة
83 D and G: السلفافاة
84 D and G: ألف
85 D and G: المنقار
86 Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 614: الأطم
87 D and G add: وهو طبق لهم و طبق حم
88 Not in D: يجاكي العقرب جانباها.
89 G: إذا غضت يجاربها.
90 D: وترضع.
91 D: أسسه أهل البحر.
92 D: البرستوح: الفرسانو. Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 102, and 2966: البرستوح but the variants appear in the different manuscripts.

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و في بحر الهند وبحر فارس وعمان سك يقال له الول طول السك مائة باغ وأقل وأكثر. وهي تأتي مخالفة التفنين وتأنس بها بركة، فتغمرها لأنها اما [ ربماء ] أرادت التسرب من جانب السفينة إلى الجانب الآخر فترقب المركب وأهل المركب إذا رأوها ضروب بالبوار، والدباباد والساطر بغضها على بعض حتى تهرب عنه [ عنهم ] وتفتق فيما في ماء كأنه في واد متصرف إذا [ امتلأت منه ] ثم أطلقت فها ثم نفست الماء من بين أسنانها فيفي في الجموك الفوارة وتبقي السك في جوفها وله ضدد من السك يقال له للشك [ أو ذر اعين ] وهذه السك تعدى الول ترابه حتى يغفل ثم تلبس في صاحبه وتعلق هناك فذ احس بها غاص في قعر البحر ضريرا منها وهي متعلقة في موضعها لا تبر وف berk ، وتطرقها ولا يزال يرسب في القطر [ ويقف على وجه الماء ومشائمة له او = حتى ] يموت

وهذه السك وكثير من الزحم يصطادون بها السك الكبار ويشدون في إذائها = أذنابها [ حبل كطلش شيب المقرعة طويل تكونوها في أقائس في البحر قربة من الزورق وغونه عليها الأغاني المطرية لهم ويخرجون في رقة من يأكلها ومن يؤديها فإذا أراد الصيد الصيد بها اخرجها من قفصها وسك البحب بطرف ثم أرسلوا على الحرب الكبير كأرسل الباز خاربا وتعلق في صاحبه نقص في قصر البحر وهي ملازمة له [ ثم يطلع ثم يعود يغوص ثا = وقد ] أرخى له الصيد الحبل ثم يعلو

94 D and G: رسا
95 D: بالساطر
96 D: عنهم
97 D: وإذا هرب عنهم فتحت
98 D and G add: امتلأت منه ثم
99 D: للسك
100 D: أو ذر اعين
101 D and G: البحر
102 D: حتى
103 D and G: أذنابها
104 D and G: الصيدون
105 D and G: ققر البحر
106 Missing word completed by G.
107 D and G: وقد
فيطل فلا يزال كذلك وهذه السمكة تأكل صاحبٍ وهو لا يقدر لها على صبرٍ حتى
يضعف جسمه فيأخذنٌ 109 بده وين‾تزعه من صاحبه ثُمَّ يعيدها إلى قفصها.
وفي هذا البحر سيف يخرج إلى البر يتساق في شجرٍ 110 الناريء في كل منه.
وسيك الوالد إذا وحل سوء البحرانيين النعيم لأنه مكتسب لهم يجدون في بطنه
العنبر وقد بلعبته 111 فاضرَ بها وأسركها فاً وجد منه فوق المعدة كان عنبرًا خالصًا وما
وجد منه نحو المذرق 112 كان (مبداً 113 [عبراً 115] زهيدًا مفسودًا وله هذه
السمكة كله شحم والبحرانيون يستعون 116 الدهن من جثتها بالجرار ويجدو الصخر
قد استحجر على دماغها ولا تقلع إلا بالفوس 120 = بالفوس] والمارازب ويخدون
من عظام صبه كرواسي.
وفي هذا البحر يقال له الكنس 121 وُلَد ما يكون في بحر الصين يكتحل برائتٍ
من السموم ولا تصلح تلك المرارة الأبحارية نبات تكون ببالزاج = بالزاج 122 وهذه
السمكة جناحان كناحي الطائر وقوائم أربعة وجدت كنسه الأساد وفولوس جذدها بيش
في عرض المدرهم أطرافها سود ورما ظهر في فلؤسها صورة أسد وهي أصلب من العاج
وأخسن من الفضة تصلح منها فصول الحواض وترصع منها المناطق
و في بحر الصين حيوان إذا خرج البر 123 استحجر لوقته يسمى السرطان الهندي ويرفع
[= ويتفع]24 في الأكل.

108 Undotted in A; D: صبر.
109 D adds: الصياد.
110 D: ويتغلق بشجر.
111 D: وجل.
112 D: وطاعتها.
113 Illegible word completed by G. D: بلعبته.
114 Confirmed by D and G.
115 Illegible words. D and G: عـبرًا.
116 D: يستعون.
117 undotted; D and G: جسمها.
118 undotted; D and G: الصخر. A note in the margin of G: لعله الشحم.
119 D: يقطع.
120 A, D: بالفوس.
121 undotted; D: الكنس.
122 D: بالزاج.
123 G: الظهر.
124 D and G: ويتفع.
و في نيل مصر وجر الشأم سيف يقال له الرعادة أصغر اللون لجذب إذا وضع الإنسان يده عليه ارتعدت حتى يفيض منه ويخرج بيده ولا يقدر على مسكها ما دامت حية وهي تعل في الفساد عظم

و في بحر الإسكندرية سيف يقال له السرب أيض اللون إلى الزرقة أحمر الذنب ورأسه كالمقطر إذا أكل الإنسان رأى في منامة ليلته اجمع كأنه يوثى أو يرى منامات هائلة مفازعة

و في بحر صنعي سمكة يرمي بها الماء إلى الساحل تتبقي على الطين تحتضرب في الطين قدر نصف يوم تنتصل في اضطرابها و يظهر لها جناح تستقل به حتى تعود إلى البحر وسيف يقال له القنديل مدور الجسم بغير قشر أزرق اللون مثل الزجاج ذو أرجل كالجبال

وسيف يقال له خداوند سissement تفسيره مولي السيف خروطه الأعلى طويل مثل طول السيف من ستة أذرع وأقل وأكثر وكأنه أضراس 128 مسحة يضرب بها السيف [أو إن عرس] 129 فيقطعه تصفين 130 ويلعه ورما يضرب به الركاب الصغيرة فيكسره

وسيف يقال له الغراب له متقار كنقرن الغراب ونجانين يطير بهما وسиф يقال له القنديل على هيئة 131 القنديل سواء وسيف يقال له الدلفين يشبه الزرق الملتوي (= المنفوخ) 132 برأس صغير إذا طلق الفريق دفعه الى الساحل وسيف يقال له اللبس بوجه كوجه الإنسان يتلون جلده كلون 133 الطاويس بجميع الألوان كلها إذا طبخ بالماء كان طعمه حامضًا وإذا سوي على النار كان حلوًا

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125 D: بجر نيل
126 D and G: وحن يبان
127 D and G: صنعي
128 G: دواس
129 D: أو ابن عرس; G: أو ابن ارس
130 D and G: تصفين
131 D and G: صورة
132 D: كازفو المنفوخ; Nuwayri 1923, 10:313. G: المنفوخ
133 G: صالحة.
وسبيك يقال له القرش له عرف كفرض الفرس العظيم طوله ذراع
أسود الشعر
غليظة كأنه خيوط مفتوحة طول الشعر ذراع
يقيم شعره ويصير كالشعاب إذا مرت به
السبيك لواهن عليهم واقترسهم
وسبيك يقال له الصندوق مرعب الجسم ملهم مستحجر كالسحالة
و في رأسه قرن كنبر الغزال وأغلظ مستدق الطرف إذا طفته
سبيك الوال العظيم في البحر سلط عليه هذا الصندوق فيدخل في أنفه وينبربه بالقرن فيخشى دماغه ولا
يزال يضطرب حتى يهلك
و في بحر هركد سبيك يقال له اللحم [لحم] يلع الناس بلعا
و في أرض ارمن [أرمن] في اطراف بلاد اللان نهر في سمكة عظيمة تأتي كل
سنة فيتناولون من سمكة ما يشتهون ويتشارون
ثم مضى شخص ثانية ينحالون ويتناولون منه ما يريدون حتى أن اللحم يكثر عنهم ونصرف ونخرس في السمكة في
أرض اللان مستقلها وأولهم تسلح من ذلك اللحم كأسلاص الحية من جلدها ويجد
لذلك راحة كبيرة
و في بحر الهند سمكة إذا شقت 142 جوفها وجدت فيه سمكة أخرى وإذا شقت
الأخرى وجدت فيها أخرى إلى ماما نهاية له
و في البحر أمة يقال لها بناة الماء يشienen النساء ذوات شعور سبحة و في ألوانهم
استحالة [استالة]
إلى الصفرة
بغير حمرة ذات فروع عظيمة [وثدي]

134 D and G: إذدد
135 D and G: إذدد
136 Not in D.
137 D and G: كالسحالة.
138 D: طعن.
139 D and G: أرم
140 D: ويتشارون
141 D and G: ثانية الهم
142 D: شقت
143 D: شقت
144 D and G: استالة
145 D and G: السرة
146 D and G add: ووثدي
وكلاهم لا يكاد يفهم وصحتهم في جلودهن لزوجة [وربما]148 وقع في إيدي أرباب
المراكب فينكجهن149 ويزيدوا لذلك لذة عظيمة ولا يكاد يخرجون عن البحر
وفيما إضرار يسمون بالقبطية أبو مرة150 لا نهم يظهرون كثيراً بأرض الإسكندرية
وابن ركاس ورشيد في صورة إين آدم يجلود لزجة سود وأجسام مشاشة خلق إين آدم
لهم بكاء وعويل إذا وقعوا في إيدي الصيادين [وذلك أنهم ربما بارزوا عن البحر إلى
البر يتسمون فنقعون في إيدي الصيادين]151 فذاك كوا رحمهم وخلق كثير من القبط
يتبركون برؤيتهم وروى الأركة في يوم تقع أعينهم عليهم152 ولأجل ذلك [بحرام]
الصيادين أخذهم.154

147 D adds: وصحتهم.
148 Illegible word completed by D and G.
149 D: فينيكونها.
151 Missing words completed by D and G.
152 D: برهم.
153 Illegible word completed by G. D: تجرم.
154 D adds: والله أعلم بهذه وحده.
الفصل الحادي والعشرون في الخلق الإنسانية المشوهة.

قد وصف أمير المؤمنين على صلوات الله عليه في خطبه المعرىقة بالأمس أمه خلقهم الله عز وجل وساهم أمير المؤمنين أمة بعدة أعمال مستغرقة أسماهم فسبحان باريهم، وحالفهم فهولا المشوه خلقهم من تلك الأمم فهم أمة سكان بحر رهادين: في بحر الهند سود وجوههم كلق عاديه وأقلاهم من خلق أعياقهم معداد الأذار، ثم الشعور مرد الوجوه طوالها يأكلون من وقعهم من الرجال ويبقون النساء.

و في بلاد الينابيع خلق على صور الناس أذناب كلامهم كالصغير يثوبن من شجرة إلى شجرة.

و في مدينة حبشية من مدین الصين خلق ينكلون كلام القردة.

و في جزائر الهند أمة وجوههم في صدرهم وآذانهم كبار وكلّ شخص منهم فرح، وذكر ولا يفهم كلامهم.

وقرب البحرين في موضع يقال له: صحني [وهو أخصى] البحار، يظهر من البحر صبيان سودان طول أهدامهم أربع أشبار فيتشبئون بالرآك، ويذوقون فيها ولا يؤذون احدًا ثم يعودون إلى البحر فتعلم أهل السفينة أن البحر يرد أن نهبه، فيستعدون له.

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1 MS A, fol. 45b; MS D, fol. 129b; MS G, fol. 148a–150b.
2 D and G: كرم الله وجهه.
4 D: البحار.
5 G: الراج.
6 D: كل منهم.
7 D and G: حبشين.
8 D: الهداية خلق عيونهم.
9 D: ولم يفهم لهم كلامهم.
10 Undotted in A: D: للصينوي.
11 Comapre: Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 13: نصبج وهو أخصى البحار, See also Mas'ūdi 1962, 1183 no. 379 and Mas'ūdi 1938, 38: نصبج وهو أخصى البحار.
12 D and G: يدورون بها.
وأرض وبار 13 خلق كثير غضب الله عليهم فبدل خلقهم فضاء وأنسانا للرجل منهم والمرأة نصف رأس ونصف وجه وعين واحدة ويد واحدة ورجل واحدة يهيمون 14 على وجههم ويرعون في تلك الغياض إلى قاضي [شاطئ البحر] وقد غلب على بلدهم اللفة كائناته 16 الهائلة تأخذ الفارس من فرسه وقال آخرون بل غلب على ديارهم الجن وتلك اللفة دواهم قال الفرزردق:

ولقد ضللنا أباك تطلب 17 داراً كلالاً 18 ملتسمساً [ملتمساً] 19 طريق وبار لا يهتدي أبداً ولا تعص جده 20 لسبيل واردة ولا الآثار 21

وأرض وبار إذا دني الإنسان منها رأى حصان غالب وفوقه ويعين فإذا قريب منها متعمد أو خالطاً [غالطاً] 23 حثوا الراتب في وجهه فان أبي [الآ] 24 الدخول خلقه أو طلوا

ويقال ان الناس من ولد الناس بن أمم بن عملي بن يلع بن لاو ير في ديار [بار 26 وأرض الشجر [الشجر] وأطراف بين يفسدون الزرع فيصيدهم أهل ذلك البلد بالكلاب

13 D: بار
14 D: يهيمون
15 Undotted; D and G: Yaqūt 1866, 4:897, and Qazwīnī 1960, 63: جرى على وجههم يهيمون في تلك الغياض إلى شاطئ البحر يعرون كا ترى الباهم
16 D adds: المغنم
17 Yaqūt 1866, 4:897, has: طلب Qazwīnī 1960, 64: تطلب.
18 D: كلال.
19 D and Farazdaq 1960, 1:360: ملتسمساً
22 D adds: وطلاً
23 D and G: خالطاً.
24 G adds إلا. See also Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 3726; Yaqūt 1866, 4:897;
26 D and G: بار.
واحدت بعض الثقات قال جلتنا الطريق فوقعنا بضبط [بغيضة] على شاطئ البحر لا يدرى طرفاها [بطرفها] فذا تحين بتشيخ طويل كالنخلة بنصف بدن يسرع جريًا مثل الفرس وهو يقول:

فرت من خوف السراة شداً
اذ لا يجد من الفرار بدأ
قدك دهراً في شباي جلدا
فها نا [بأيوم ضعيفاً [بضعف] جدا

وقال آخر قدمت الشهر فنزلت على رئيسيهم وذكرت النساس. فقال صيدوا لنا منها فأتموا أشيء له نصف وجه ويد واحدة في صدره ورجل واحدة فقال لي أتا بالله وبك فقلت خلوا عنه خلوا عنه وحضروا الغداء فقال صاحبهم أتونا من صيدكم بشيء فقالوا نعم صدناه وأطلته ضيفك قال فاغدوا (بكلابكم) فغدوا وغدوت معهم فإذا بصوت من بعض الأشجار يقول:

يا يا محمد [بمحبب]؟
الصحيح قد أسفر [بالليل قد أدر]
والقنيص قد حضر [فعليك بالوزر

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27 D and G: بغيضة.
28 D and G: لا يدرى طرفاها.
32 D and Yaqut 1866 4:899: ضعيف.
33 The following appears almost verbatim in Mas'udi (1962 2:365 no. 1341) and in Yaqut (1866, 3:263–4, in the entry for Shibīr).
34 D: الشجر.
35 D: الساس.
36 Illegible word completed by D. G: يواضحكم.
38 D: القنيص
فقال له ميجبكي ولا تراعي [= كلا ولا تراع] فأرسلنا الكلاب فرضت بابي عمر و
[= ميجير؟] 40 وقد ألقى كليب وهو يقول:

إياك حين تجار باي (تجار باي) 41
الفايتاني [= والفايتاني] 42 خضاعي 43 عناي
لو ترسان [= بي شباب] 44 ما ملكمان [= ملكمان] 45
حتى توتا أو تفارقاني
فالتقا فيه وأخذنا فلما كان الغذاة أحضرت مائدة الرجل فتأتي بابي شباب [= ميجير؟] 47
بعد الطعام مشوي

العبرد 48 شخص مشوه يكون بأرض العرب 49 بما في بلاد السودان يصيد الأفعى والهوام
ويطلب الإنسان طلب عظم فإذا وقع عليه نكحه فيند 50 جوفه ثم ينقش فيموت
البواقير خلق تنسل بين الناس وحيوان البر 51 طول الروس طول العيون أدم اللوان
باظاف معوقة وانباب بارزة ينتظرون برق الشجر لكل واحد منهم فرح وذكر ينطق
[= ينكر] 51 بعضهم بعضًا يأكلون الوحوش يقتنيتون لها شدة وقوة ولغة نشبه صفير
الطيور

40 D: ميجير; G: عمرو
41 ججارمان: G: ماجياربي من ماجياربي
42 G: ماجياربي. Same in Mas‘ūdi 1962, 2:365 no. 1341 and Yāqūt 1866, 3:264; D: ماجياربي.
43 Written in manuscript undotted; D: خضاعي; Mas‘ūdi 1962, 2:366 no. 1341: خضرأ
45 في شباب: ملكمان
46 D: فاليكي
47 D and G: ميجير
48 Mas‘ūdi 1962, 1:335 no. 491 has عرض عليها plural. See also Damiri 1994, 2358.
49 G: المغرب
50 D: فيند
51 D: ينكر; G: ينكر

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القدّر

ناس يتولدون بين الناس ودواب البحر يكونون بقصص المغرب عند جزيرة

وتشرون الماء المالح إذا عدما العذب

الأحبوش

أمة تتولدن من ياجوج ومحاوج قصار عراض الوجه والآذان وأيابهم

أيابهم

بحادية

يجبون ويتكون الخيل يتولدون بين الناس من ياجوج ومحاوج وبين دواب

البحر طعامهم الحياة يقاتلون بالحجارة والأعماق [قالاً عظياً] .

امجع

أمة تتولدن من ياجوج ومحاوج لهم أذناب وأرعب أيدي [أي] لكل واحد

ثمانية

قصار في كل كنف يجاربون من جارهم من الأئم بسلاح يستحق بجد

واحد في آخره حقيقة تدخل يده في الحلفة وفي اليدين الآخرين

سكاكين يقاتلون أمة

يقال لها لوعش [== لوعش]

ولوعش قوم قصار صغار الرؤوس عظام الآذان يفرشون آذانهم يأكلون بعضهم

بعضًا يصيدون وضحاء عندهم يقال له ملس [== صورة] الحمير ياكلون

لحوومها

درمس

أمة عند جبل على البحر يقال له ناخ

لهم أيد غير متفرقة الأصابع بأظافير

معقفة ورجل واحدة فيها عشرة أصابع يجاربون دواب البحر وياكلونها ولا دهم

منها

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52 A: undotted; D and G: Qawar Qawar or قوار قوار

53 D and G: الجيوش

54 D adds: اللائمة

55 D: يبديهم

56 D and G: قالاً عظماً

57 Undotted in A; D and G: اامجع

58 Missing word completed by D and G.

59 D and G: الأحبوش

60 D and G: لوعش

61 Missing word completed by D and G.

62 D and G: ملس

63 D: صورة

64 D and G: درمس

65 Undotted; D and G: ناخ

66 D: عشرة

67 D and G: يصيدون.
جهاً في خلق الترك بلوى كبار مسكتهم في مشرق العالم عند مطلع الشمس قريب
الموضوع المعروف يكبد زمالة بين الناس والسباع ذوي عيون مدورة بأس،
وأناب بادية محددة، وأذان طوال وأظافر كبار محددة معقفة وأصاب قصر،
وليس قدمهم (وراءهم) 70 أمة غيرهم ولا بالقرب منهم مساكنهم بين جبال وساحات
وطعامهم دواب البحر وآكلون التنانين وهم زروع ودواب يركبونها وهم اثنين وأربعون
أمة
الدمدمة أمة من السودان يسمون الدمدمة (والدمامد) 71 مسكتهم من ناحية الجنوب
الي المغرب يأكل بعضهم بعضًا محددين الأنبات ذوي بطش ويد وقفة فهتهم 72 سائر
الأمم والذهب عندهم كبير يظهر في أرضهم ويكشف عنه الزل وله رغبة عظيمة.
في حلق النحاس يزرون بها تحمل الهم فتلتز على تحييم أرضهم بالمغارة منه.
ويشتغلون بها عن طلب من يريد بلدهم 74 لأخذ الذهب من معدنه
الدمدمة 75 أمة يقريهم السودان طوال ذوي بأس شديد ويطغى وقفة 76 وعيونهم تبرق
وقلهم طوال لا يكاد يبتت على عرضتهم 77 يأكل بعضهم بعضًا وله ملك منهم ولا
يمكنهم إلا يهمهم 78 ويروفون في ذلك الفضل وفي بلدهم منابع الذهب كثيرة
يطفوقون 79 يطععون 80 كألفين ومئات الناس على التغير 81 يحلق (بحلف) 82 النحاس

68 D and G: جهاً
69 D and G: يكبد.
70 D and G: وراءهم.
71 Missing word completed by D and G.
72 D: به وأهله.
73 D: غنية ورخية.
74 D adds: من الناس.
75 A: undotted; D: باليمن.
76 D adds: عظيمة.
77 D and G: لا يكاد يبتت على عوراتهم.
78 G: منهم.
79 G: يطععون.
80 D adds: وأهلهم.
81 Undotted in A. D and G: التغير.
82 D: يحلق.
ووجدنا في رسالة الإسكندر إلى أرسطاليس يقول: أنه بمدائين الهند رجال يرعون
رعي الأندام وجههم وجه النساء بلا لحى وطعمهم السبك لهم كلام لا يفهم
ورأيناه آشجار يسيل من مارها دسماً لدىذا وعندها خذ (ق مستوحشة) ووجههم
كوجوه الغربان بأيديهم مزاريق يقاتلون قتالاً شديداً ورأينا في بحر أوقاينس دواب
أجسامها أجسام الناس. تفرق المرآكب ورأينا بقرب الهند قوم وجههم وجههم
الساع بآذان كالصدف ورأينا بأرض الهند قوم لا رؤوس لهم أعينهم في صدورهم
وأفواهم يتكلمون كلام الأنفس وأجسامهم أجسام الصبيان الصغار وطعمهم الكلة
وهي تبتن عندهم كالبطيخ.

83 D: لغة
84 D: وذات
85 Damaged words completed by D and G: وعندها خلق مستوحشة
86 D adds: من حرائب
87 Damaged words completed by D and G: أجسامهم أجسام الناس
الفصل الثاني والعشرون في مجازات المياه

بأذریجیا، عين ماء تفور قائمة ثم تقسم بنصفين، فالنصف منه يسمط فيه الحيوان

والنصف الآخر بارداً كالأطلج من شدة برده

بجزر على سبعة واسع منها ماء عظيم يطلع في كل سنة خشبة كعشق الصنور عند
زيادة ذلك الماء ولا تزال تلك الخشبة تطف على الماء أربعين يوماً والصبيان يسبحون

ويتلقون بها (ويبلغ وصائر) هم إذا مضى [المستقبل] أيام الزيادة غاصت في الموضع

الذي ظهرت منه فلا يقدر على أخذها أحد، ولقد شدت بسلاسل الحديد والأحبال

المفتولة من أغصان الكروم فقطعتهم وغابت. فإذًا كان من العام المستقبل ظهرت في

وقت الزيادة

بموض المغرب داخل البحر مسجد يظهر للناس في بعض الأيام ويصلون فيه

ويخرجون منه في غيظ البحر

بجور من أرض فارس بكر قد أكب قد [على] فقه ووماس عظيمة مثقوبة في

أسفلها تحجر من ذلك القنب ماء تفور فور أن عظيم لا يرى مثله

بكورة أرجان بكر قد أتمه أهل أرجان أن يعفون من مقاما فهم يقدر وأعلى ذلك تفور

بالماء يدير وهى (تديري رحا) وتسقي أرض القرية

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1. MS A, fol. 47b; MS D, fol. 133b; MS G, fol. 161b–162b.
2. Not in D.
4. Illegible words completed by D and G.
5. D: مضت.
8. D: المقابل.
11. Compare also Qazwini 1960, 182: وقد أكب على قفره قدراً من مال وعجم نعمته.
بكرة [سابور] رستاق قرية تعرف بالهندكان \[= بالهندجان\] 14، بئر بين جليلين يخرج منه دخان فيعلو أكثرها لا يتهنأ \[= يتهانأ\] 15 لأحد ان يبرقها وان كان طائر يطير سقط فيها واحترق

بكرة أرديش خرة 17 عين ماء 18 من شرب منها قدح قام مجلس ومن شرب قدحين قام مجلسين وان شرب مائة قام مائة

باحتية دارين [داذين] 19 ماء \[= نهر ماؤه\] 20 إذا غسل الثوب منه صار 21 أخضر

وماؤه مشروب عذب يعرف بنهر حسين \[= إخشي\] 22

[بالقرب من عين الأسويدي عند وادي اللجون عين من اغتشل منها انقلب من جسده كل شوكة تدخل فيه وكل نصل حرية أو نشابة 23.

[قرب بيسان في ضيعة تعرف (—) 24 حوض لطيف حمراء 25 وتحته شبه الأرجل

متيرو من موضعه في ماء يسير [إِن] 26 شرب منه إنسان كفاء وان شرب الف إنسان

كماه والراعة يستفون مواشيهم منه وهو لا ينقص ولا يزيد

بطريقة وغيرها من الأصوار عيون ما جاره \[= حارة\] 27 28]

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14 Also in D and G: بكرة رستاق قرية تعرف بالهندكان. Compare with Iṣṭakhrī 1961, 91: بالهندجان also Ibn Hawqal 1938, 297; El-Hendjian, D adds: بالهندجان
15 D: يتهانأ
16 D and G: وان ماء بها طائر
17 Not in D.
18 D adds: جارية
19 D: دارين
20 D and G: نهر ماؤه
21 D and G: الثوب
22 D and G: حسن. Compare Iṣṭakhrī 1961a, 91: وباحتية دارين نهر ماء عذب يعرف بنهر أخشي يشرب منه ويسقي الأرضي وإذا غسلته به ثواب مغرة خضراء Compare also Dimashqī 1974, 149, where the reading is Dārein.
23 Missing words completed by D and G. D adds: أو شيء داخل في جسده يخرج منه إذا اغتشل من ماء بهذا النهر
24 Lacuna in A.
25 Not in G.
26 D and G: ان
27 D and G: حارة
28 G reads يغسلون الناس بها مثل الحمامات.
قال بطلبوس في المعمر عيون [ذوي ريح 29] إذا دعي منها الإنسان أخذه السلالة 30 وعيون إذا دني الإنسان منها صار بها هنا [كاهن 31] كالمستخف الذي في كأسك. 32 والذي في سرار [شراب 3] افجوانة 33 فانيا تخبر الإنسان وتفسده بأعمال الإسكندرية خور من البحر المالح عظيم كبير فيه حصى تجد في جوف كل حصاة حصاة تتحرك تتحرك المشخاش 34 اذا مسكتها الحامل لم يضهرها الرأهة والشهوة وهذا الحجر تخرجه الأمواج فينبت عليه من الماء والبركة آخر يستحجر عليه وامتحن هذا الموضوع سمعيل بن حرب فغرس فيه ساق صلب فأقام يوم وليلة واستخرجه فوجد الماء قد نسيع عليه طوقًا من جارة جهد ان يكسر 35 بالفأس ما يكسر ولا وهم العظم

في طريق المغرب مياه منها ماء لونه لون العصير ولون الزرد 36 باللواحات [بالواعات] عيون ماؤها حامضية وليا أنائها خضر وليا طعمها حامضية 38 وليا رواج 40 النقط منها وليا ان استهلكت أهلكت وأحسنت وقتلت لوقتها وليا اذا شربت (نزلت) 41 لوقتها من الدرب وليا بحرية طرية إذا شرب الإنسان منه في أول يوم من تشرين الأول أطلقه مجلس كثيرة وانتفع (بذلك) 42 بقية سنته

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29 D adds: ريح; G adds: من ريح.
30 D and G: السلالة
31 D and G: كاهن.
32 Z: كاهن; D and G: كاهن.
33 D: في شراب افجوانة.
34 G: واللي في شراب افجوانة.
35 D: تتحرك المشخاش إذا تحرك.
36 D and G: ولا وم.
37 Undotted: D, G: الزرد.
38 D: وليا طعمها حامضية.
39 D adds: العظم.
40 D: ولا وم.
41 Illegible word completed by D and G.
42 Illegible word completed by D and G.

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و في = ومن عجائب البحر [النهر] المقلوب أنه يسوق = يشِقُّ مَحِيَّة فَامِيَة فَلا يَخْلُط بِهَا وَرِيَ لُون مَائِه أَحْمِر وَلُون مَائِهٍ (أَخْضَر)44 لُون مِياه الْآَجَامِ في قَرِيَةٍ مِن قَرِى اذَرِيجْيَان47 تَسَى الْأَوْمَانِ48 يَظِهِرُ مِن وَسْط مَائِهٍ نَار عَظِيمَةٍ عَجِيمَةٍ تَمْنِعُ كَرَةِ المَاءٍ (عَن اطْفاَاءِهَا)49 يَدْفَعُهَا وَشَدَّةً قوِيتِهَا وَسُلَطَانٍ لِهَا وَهِيِ إِحْدَى عِجَابِ الأَرْضِ.

43 D: ومن عجائب الميه.
44 D and G add: النهر.
45 D and G: يشِقُّ.
46 Illegible word completed by D and G.
47 D: بلاد ماسيدان من أَرْض أَرْيَجْيَانَ والسِيرَانِ.
48 Illegible words completed by D and G.
49 D and G: الْأَوْمَانِ.
50 D adds: Compare this passage with Masūdī 1962, 2:147 (no. 913): وَلَبَّهُ عَرَزًا حَكِيمًا بِشَدَّةِ قوَيْتِهَا وَسُلَطَانِ لِهَا وَهِيِ إِحْدَى عِجَابِ الْأَرْضِ.
الفصل الثالث والعشرون في غريب النباتات

في بلاد الرُّطب شجرة تنبت على ساق [...] ثم تنفر رأسها باربعة أغصان ثم يخرج من وسط الأغصان ساق اخرى قامة [...] منه أربعة أغصان تتحمل ثمرة الأرجل مشوية شيّة كالمرير المنفوذ تشبه ثمرة العش يأخذ ما في جوفها وله حب كير فينقي من الحب ولا ينعي؛ به الفرش والمدخن نصف حشوهما وكما حيث تحت جسد الإنسان ارتفعت وامتلاكت حتى تسير ملوذ ذلك الفراش أو تلك المخدّة ولا يمكن أحد أن ينعل منها تام الحشو الا بمقدار صنعه إذا نام عليها زادت فريت حتى تستوى في ملوؤها وإذا افتحت [= انسح] الفراش أو المخدّة غسل بما فيه من الحشو فلا يتلمد ولا ينفسد ولقد شاهدت من ذلك عند شيخنا من أهل حران يعرف بأبي القاسم الحربي كِير الأسفار إلى بلاد الرُّطب وعافته فرأيت عيبه

وحذاثي أحمد بن المرزبان النقيب رحمه الله قال في بلاد النوبة شاهدت شجر لا يعلم النوبة من غرسه ولا من أنشأ الشجرة طولها مائة ذراع ساق مدملح من غير أعوجاج ولا شيء فيه أملس في رأسها شبه سعف النحلة يسير تحمل حملاً كثيماً البطيخ الكبار البرسي يضمن هذا الحمّل ليف عليه وان كبيرًا من الرعاه ومن عرف ذلك الشجر لا يستظلون بالشجرة خوفًا من سقوط بعض الثور عليهم فأنها إذا سقطت على حيوان قتلته ولا تزال تلك الثورة بحالها حتى تتفض وتسقط لنفسها وتحمل الى ملك النوبة

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1 MS A, fol. 48a; MS D, fol. 135b; MS G, fol. 162b–164a. D: واحد
2 D adds: واحد
3 D and G add: ثم ينفر
4 D: ويسى
5 D and G: وامتلاكت
6 D: المخاد
7 G: أنسح D as A.
8 D adds: من ذلك
9 D: أبو أحمد
10 D: سعف
11 Not in G.
12 D: تلك الثورة
13 D adds: من الرعاه وربما قتلته
14 D: فيحملوها
15 G: ملوك.

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فيتحف بها أهل دولته ولقد أكّلت من هذه الثمرة فأهت شنيعا على وجه الأرض أحيى١٦ من هذه الثمرة ولا أعدب وإنها تقطع كثا١٦ البطيخ
وفي بلاد الهند = الهند[١٧] دخلت ثمرة كركاكم = كراتيم١٨ الأفيلة تشرط ويركبه
عليها ما يتضمن ما يخرج منها فيخرج منها ماء أن شرب لوطه كان حلو أحرق النشفة١٩ = النشفة[٢٠] من حلاوة وان ترك قليلا صار نبيذ يسكر ويطيب النفس وان بقي إلى
آخر النهار صار غلاب٢٠
وابناحية شيراز ريجان يسي سوسن٢١ نجس ورقة مثل ورق السوسن٢٢ وداخله
مثل عيون النجس
وملصورة من أرض السند ثمرة على قدر التفاح تسي المليمونى [الليمونى٢٣]
شديدة الحموضة تبقي تفاح الصرفاء وثمرة تنبيح الحبوق بقى الابن تقارب طعم الحفوف
ابنانية اصطناع تفاح التفاح نصفها حامض شقيق٢٦ والنصف [الأخر٢٧ حلو كالفصل
شجر الواق واي في جزيرة الواق وأي وهى جزيرة متاخمة لسقالبة = لسقالبة٢٨ جزيرة
الزنج بها شجر يحمل كصورة النسا مرتته معدلات بشعرهن وهي كفريو المضر
ولهن ذي وزرود وأبدان ملثمة يصرخن واي واي قازا قطعت إحداه سقطت

١٦ G: مثل.
١٧ D and G: الهند.
١٨ D and G: كراتيم.
١٩ D and G: النشفة.
٢٠ Ibn al-Faqih, in the account of the islands of Langabalus or Nicobar, says: وشراب النارجيل يكون أيضًا إذا شرب من هو حلو كالفصل فإذا ترك يومًا صار مكرًا فان بغي إما حمض (Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 10, ٤). The author of Akhbār al-Ṣīn wa’l-Hind, also concerning Langabalous, states: وشراب النارجيل وهو شراب أيضًا إذا شرب بعايل رجح من النارجيل فهو حلو مثل الفصل إذا ترك سنة صار شربًا وان بغي إما حمض (Sauvaget 1948, 8).
٢١ G: سوسن.
٢٢ G: سوسان.
٢٣ See Ḣakhrī 1961a, ٩١.
٢٥ D and G: تقطع.
٢٦ Undotted; D: مفئحت G: مفئحت.
٢٧ Completed by D.
٢٨ D: لسقالبة G: السقاية.
ميتا لا تنطق وفي ذلك الامتلاء من أجواهدهما وأجازهم ووجههما وأعضاوهم

= [أعضااءهن] مثل زغل الرم وكمة أوغل الإنسان في[هذته ال] بجزرة. وجد شجر

منهم [مههن] أحسن ثماداً وأجاراً ونهوداً وفوجاً ووجهاً بصباحاً من الأ ولا

وان قطعت أقامت يوماً أو بعض يوم قبل أن يقطع نطقه وصباحها (لمساء شجرة تكو

بارض السودان من تلك الأعثى) وربما جاءها من يقتع نطقها فيتندل بها

المصا شجرة تكون بارض السودان في نواحي كؤو ذات أغصان متهدلة إذا جلس

الإنسان في وسطها وحلف بصاحب السبا كاذباً تشتكت عليه أغصانها حتى يموت وان

حلف صادقاً لم يلف عليه غضباً منها

بأرض الصعيد شجرة تسمى شجرة الفارس [المصا] متحدة الغصون ناعمة الورق

خضرة (نضرة) [ إذا قال قط يوال وقد أخرج في أدب أن أقطع هذه الشجرة] استرخ

= [استرخت] أو راها وصفته غصونها (وذبلة حتي) يتبين للنظر إليها فساد

جميعها وهاكة [وهاكة] [وهاكة] إذا قال نست اذا فعل بك شيخاً رجعت فايضنت لوقتها

وازاد بجهة [ومنشة بيكات أولاً) .

30 D and G: أعضااءهن.
31 Completed by D.
32 G: شجرة مهن
33 D and G: وصباحاً.
34 Superfluous in A: أن تكون بارض السودان
35 For the reconstruction of the text, compare Ibn Waṣīf Shāh: (Masʿūdī 1938 , 17).
36 D: بلبسها G: بلبسها
37 Illegible word completed by D and G.
38 G: المصا
39 Illegible word completed by D and G.
40 D and G add: بين الدناء.
41 D and G: استرخت
42 Illegible words completed by D and G.
43 G: وهاكة
44 D: يهيمها
45 Damaged words completed by D and G.
الفصل الرابع والعشرون في غرائب الوعوش

بلاد السودان دابة يقال لها المرعنٍ إذ يعرف ذلك من أئمة يجمل ويلد من أحق
[37] اللوحوش وذلك كما رأى شخصه في القمر فيهره منه فكلما ظهر له عدا
حتى يهلك

وفي البلاد السودان حيث تجد الإنسان إليها بأذنابها فتهلك
الغيم دابة عظيمة الجسم أصغر [39] من الفيل لها عنق طويل مؤشة بحرمة
وصفرة وخضرة وبضاض يصيدها[39] الملوى ويركونها
الفرعاص سبع مثل الأسد يكون أرض الصين أشد من الأسد قوة وبطش أحر
اللون له وبر أحم[9] يتجذب ملوك الصين من وبر ثياب يصاد من البر يضاففع

الرسن[10] كلب بري يكَون في بلاد الروم يؤكل لحمه ويجذب أيضا في المغرب وهو
الكلب الكلب
من صوتها الثياب المرتفعة وهي بيضة اللون

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1. MS A, fol. 47b; MS D, fol. 137b; MS G, fol. 150b−155a. The Gotha manuscript has the remainder of the chapter, which is far longer than the portion we have; it only ends in fol. 155a. The Gotha MS has also the last chapter, on wondrous birds, which is not in our manuscript at all (155a−156b).


3. D and G: المَرْعَى
4. D and G: درجة
5. D and G: درجة
6. D and G: يصيدها
7. D and G: الفرسات
8. D and G: ابن
9. D and G: يأصبع
10. D and G: السيس
11. D and G: الطهار
12. D and G: النعِجة
13. D: يؤكل

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الجاف، مثله [15 مثلا] العربية يكون بأرض الصين يصيد الأفاضي والهواك كله.

وبر أحمد الجزار

العروس [16] يكون بأرض الصين مثل الثعلب تصاد به الثعالب أحمر اللون

العروس دابة مثل الأربن أين اللون يكون في إقليم القدر

الزنفة ذات ألوان ثلثة طويلة العنق جداً قصيرة الأفاذ ذات قرون [17] وأذنين

كأسان البقر

الصناجة وهو 19 الخيل النوبة تكون في بطن [20] النيل ذات قوائم أربع حناف


يغذ الملوك في إصطلالاتها حجر الوحش

القريان 24 سبع لكنه مثل الكلب شديد القوة يفترس كل شيء يكون بأرض الترك

بلوش 25 كلاب برية تكون في بلاد الري

القرياس، دابة مثل النعجة تكون في بريت بلاد الري 26 تصاد ويوكل لحمها ولها

وبه دقيق يحل منه البرنهاي [27 البرنهاي] المرتفع وهي أربعة ألوان سواد وبيض وجرة وصرفة

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14 D and G: النسيج.  
15 D and G: مثل.  
16 D and G: العروس.  
17 D and G: العروس.  
18 D and G: قريان.  
19 D and G: يوم.  
20 D: أرض.  
21 G: خناف.  
22 D: موذي للزرع.  
23 G: موذي للزرع.  
24 Undotted; D and G: القريان.  
25 D and G: بلوش.  
26 D: القرياس.  
27 G: بريت الري.  
28 D and G: البرنهاي.
الكتفان. 29 دابة مثل الجاموس أسود اللون له أليفة كلايلة الكبش. 30 يكون في باراي
السجر [= الشجر] 31
التبليس دابة لها جناحين كباشحي النعامة وقرن وألف [= واحد] 32 وهو في جسم
الثور إلا أنه أعظم جسماً 33 منه وأكبر قرب من الفيل بأخذ الفيل بقرنه فبتله ولا يكون
في الموضع الذي هو فيه شيء من السباح ولا ينثث فيه شجرة وذلك ان نفسه مؤذي
ومهلل للحيوان ويحرق النبات 34
العيوجر. 35 وهو الكركدان يكون في بلاد الهند وفي بلاد النوبة وصولته صورة فرس
أسود أغر 36 أزرق دقيق صغير الأذنين والخنث في هامته في الجهة فرد قرن 37 مدور
الأصل محدد الطرف (فوقه شبه) 38 الزق 39 يضعف عند سكونه ويستند عند خضبة متي
أخذ قره فنشر وجد فيه في تدوير القرن صورة إنسان (أو) صورة وحن أو طائر
في أرض سوداء والنفض ابيض أو صورة حمراء { في أرض سوداء والنفض أبيض
أو صورة حمراء} 40 في أرض حضراء أو صورة حضرة. في أرض حمراء وأهل الصين
يعلون من فلق قرونه مناطق يتباعون 41 فيها ويتنكرن بها تابع المنطقة خمسة الف
دنا 42 وهو دون الفيل في الحلقة والفيل يهرب منه وكل الحيوان وليس له مفصل في
يديه ولا في رجله 43

29 D and G: الكتفان.
30 D adds: الغم.
31 D: الشجر.
32 D and G: واحد.
33 G: جبايا.
34 D and G: وحرق للنبات
35 Undotted; D and G: العوجر.
36 D: ع.
37 G: ظرف واحد.
38 Illegible words completed by D and G.
39 D: فوقه شبه الزق: فوقه شبه الزق.
40 D and G: أو وحن.
41 Superfluous words in A, not in D or G: صائمون
42 D: في أرض سوداء والنفض أبيض أو صورة حمراء.
43 D and G: فإن المرض في ركبه وهو من أدنى رجله إلى إبطه.
44 D and G: ولا في رجله.

قطعه واحدة.
الذي ذكر في نور شديد الأحمر في البلاد الحارة(1) ويسمى مليوس 51 دابة أكثر من الكلب وعلى سطحه ابن في رأس كبر لثيابه بادية يكون بأرض النور(7) وفيه 53 من كل لون وهو يقتل الدواب وربما أكل الناس وكمشة أيضاً في البلاد الروم
العروس دابة مثل النعجة تكون في براجي الروم تصاد وعمر من قبل الأبرون
البزور[54] السبندرو هو يكون بالسند 55 والهند دابة فوق الورزة ودون العلب خلطجة اللون حمراء العين ذات ذنب طويل ووبر حسن يغطون بورها أثاث الملوكي تدفع عنهما الأذى وإذا نشب من ورها منهداً واتسهله أثاث في النار وهي تضر 56 فلا يزال فيها حتى يذهب الوصول عنه وبعدًا كأنه منهداً في صفاء لون وحسن وقد كان شبيهًا في خزانة الملك فناخصر و 57 وردت الشخيش أبو الحسن بن صباخ الكاتب أيده الله
أنه راه وان عدن من خيوط ذلك المندليل فالقاه في النار فلا يجترق
مكاً دابة بقدر الأرباب أخضر اللون يكون في بلاد النيل يدخلن في البيوت يعلمون 59 منها علومًا كثيرة وذلك إنما إذا أسدود شعره علمت الناس أن في الموضوع الذي هو فيه نحور وسرقة وخيانة على قدر لون السواد وكرهته فيه عندهم علامات الأمتار والرياح والولايات تقتنيه الملوكي والرتساء

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45 Undotted in A; D: اللبخ
46 D and G: مخرب
47 D: أيضاً بضا
48 D: نور
49 D and G: البلدان الحارة
50 Illegible word completed by D and G.
51 Undotted; D and G: مليوس
52 Illegible word completed by D and G.
53 This is the end of the surviving text in MS A; remaining text of the treatise is from MS G and MS D.
54 D: البريون Entry omitted from G.
55 D: بالبند
56 G: تصنم
57 D: فناخصر
58 D: يد
59 D: يدان
60 Omitted from D.
اليبر سبع مهيب لكنه لطيف الجسم من بين البحار واللنمار وكا تخفاه وإذا رأه الأسد رقد له حتى ببول في أذنه كون ذلك في أرض الجحيم ببرد من بين العرساب واللونة جريه مثل الريح لا يقدر أحد على صيدها بل يسوق موجها فتحمل في مثل قوارير الزجاج العظام ويركعه الشبيه به على الحيوان سابقة فإن أدركهم سرعته ألقوا إليها أحد من تلك القوارير التي فيها الجرد فيقف عندنها ينظر إليها ويتأملها من بطن تلك الزجاجة تشتغل عن غيرها ويفوزون الصيادين بما بقي من أخذته في بعض الصيدان في المدن فيدجن 46 بها الجندباد استورد يسمونه اليونانية فستر ( = قسطر) يعني 65 خصية البحر وصوته على مثل التعلم أو فوقه قليلاً آخر اللون رجلين لا يدين وله ذنب طويل 66 [يمشي] متكب 67 على صدره كان له أربع قوائم ورأس كأس الإنسان وجهه مدور مثل رأس الإنسان في صها الذكران منها منفعة عميقة والملاك تبدل في تصديها ما يرغب الصيادون في صيدها إذا حصلت قطع خصاه ورمي به إذا ل.MINA منفعة 68 في باقيه فينحو فيما لحقه الصياد ليأخذته فنبات على ظهره حتى يتحين له فنصاه قد قطع البطورودن ( = اخطووس) دابه ذات ثمان قوائم ورأس صغير مدور اذ يضع له قضان الرستون على شاطئ البحر جاءته 69 حتى يأخذته الصياد كيا يشاء الزبادة أكبر من القطر وصوته وهو ذات ذنب طويل وور لونه إلى السواح وربما كانت منفر قليلاً ولهذه الدانية وما ينف تدون مسوك الظلمة لا يكون له ذكاء في أول مرة بل كل ما قام طاب ريح 70 يجل من فوج enfer منه ومن خسا الذكران

61 D. فُتَعَل
62 Omitted from D: علَى الحيوان السابقة
63 D: ويفوز
64 D: فيدخر
65 D: وهي تسمى
66 Damiri 1994, 1996, addic يمشي
67 Same in D: Watwât 2000, 570
68 D: إذ لم يفاعه
69 D: حامته G: حامته
70 D omits: درجه
ظهاء المسك سود لها أثاب ترعي حشيشًا يكون فوق عقبة التبت 71 له الراحة القوية الطبية ولهذه الظهاء صرار 72 كبار يتعمع فيها بما أذا تناهت ورضحت كانتضاخ الدمل انتظعت وسقطت إلى الأرض وهي هذه النواوج يقولون أن أهل التبت يوذون لها أوتادًا في البرية تحتك بها إنها 73 إذا إمتلأت الصرة almtnaها فهي تؤثر في طعما عنها وإن في المواقعة التي يكون فيها نمل هائل على رأس العقفة فأما من أراد الصعود إليها ماروا في تلك النواوج 74 حمل معه قدر لحم ورماها للنمل ليضغوها عن نفسه وأخذ ما يريد ومتي طلع قبل طلوع الشمس وجد في تلك الأرض عروق ذهب والمصعد إليها 75 صعب جدًا

بمرهيد دابة في جسم السنور وأكبر قليلاً لها وبر أخضر معلب بيضاء وذنب ثر أنه ذنب العلم أسود حسن السواء وقوامها يبر ولا تكاد عينها ترى لصغرها في حمام = حجاج 76 تستدير به ولها شعر هبل ولا تكون إلا بقرب الماء كثرة تعاهدها له وإذا جرت لا تلمح وبرها حسن لا يلمحه وبر شيء من الوعش وذلك شعر قوامها وهي طويلة الجباه 77 يتصاد باللبن يترك لها في أوان إذا شربت منه سكرت فتصاد بذلك اللبن ويسكن إليها ويؤلفها طائر يسمى منظمر يصاد معها ويوجد بقربها إذا طبخ لها هذه الديابة حتى ينهر 80 وطرح على كل وزن عشرة دراهم وزن أربعة دراهم من المهايدهشت وسقي من به ألم الداء الأكبر المريب بلبن الأثن وسمن المبر تزعت عن جسد اللحوم الفاسد حتى يبقى العصب لا غير فيدرك حينئذ بالأدوية الحافظة للمجد

71 Gharâ’ib 2011, 462: جمّر. D: أثاب
72 Gharâ’ib 2011, 462: جمّر. Omitted from D.
73 D: أثاب
74 Omitted from D.
75 Gharâ’ib 2011, 463: جمّر.
76 لحم
77 G: اللحم
78 Omitted from G.
80 Gharâ’ib 2011, 463: ماء.
81 G: الحياة
82 G: يبر
83 Not in G.
الرخ دابة عظيمة الجري تأتي بعدة الجماعات في المرة كبيرة. وتكون معه قال:
صاحب كاب الحيوانات أن لهذه الدابة أربعة قوائم من تحته وأربعة من فوقها، فليبب ظهره فين דיגיטלי، ولن في كل جنب وجه وعينين ينظر بها وهو عظي الحلقة من الطاقة. ومالا ينظر إليه من ذروة الجبل ولا يقدر أحد على التقرب منه إلا التهمه ويتعمص من ينظر إليه من روائحه بالكافور يشعه، لا غشي عليه من متن84 راجعة الأشتر دابة تجري. وتقيم أيضًا في البر، كلاً لأسه رأس طويل. عشم وبده سبع بر وله جناحان ومخلباً وعيناه حمراء ونحاحيب يض في أعمال86 كميرة ومن عمل من جلده سفرة لم يقرها شيء من الهوام القاضية دابة فوق النقطة طويل صفاء مفسدة، بسوا كايتون جلد النقر صغير في الأذين حمراً العيبين تربض في مجالات اللوك وتقبل التأديب وتحبس النساء في حجارته مثل النقطة الألف، وهي ممارسة إذا رأت طعامًا مسمومًا نفرت88 منه حتى ينبع أمرها وتوجد هذه الدابة في بلاد الصعيد وأراضي السودان والبلاد89 الحارة وقد أهدى عبد الجبار دابة على تكون الموتة كان بصر الوئيس سبع تولدن القردة والشاة الجبلية يكون بقدر الذئب له قرن وقوة شديدة وربما افترس الإنسان ويأكل كبيرًا من الحيوان الدبراع سبع تولدين اللبوة وال∅ر على قد ذئب كبير لا يصطي بباره ولا يأوي معه شيء من السبع والوحشين من مخافته ويقال أنه يقاوم البر وآن البر80 لا يخفى من شيء من الحيوان غيره خز الماء دابة مثل بنتٍ = إبن] عرس وآخر قليلًا يتولد في الأنهار سباحتها في الماء تشبي جريها في البر ولها وبر ناعم لين يعل منه الحز.

84 G: 84
85 G: 85
86 D: 86
87 D: 87
88 D: 88
89 D: 89
90 D omits: 90
و في ساحل الزاجة [الراجح] في جبل الحارود 92 قرود عظام بيض الصدور سود الظهر والذئاب خضر المتكب لها شوارب تسمحها كما يسمح الرجل شاربه أكبر من الكلاب
وبيها وحش يقال لها الضمر كمثال الأثر يض وسود لها 93 شعر طويل 94 تجره على الأرض يعل منه المذاب يكون منشأها في بلاد الهند
وبالراجح [الراجح] 55 سانتير لها أجنحة مثل جناح الخفاش من أصل الأذن وإلى الذنب
وبالهند وحش يقال له الساد على قدر الفيل أو دونه قليلاً أعظم من الثور أقوى
الروحية قوة إذا حملت الأثى وإنزل 96 للخروج من جوفها أخرج رأسه من فجها وظل يرعي حتى يقوى وهو يدمج هو فلا يزال كذلك حتى تكلي قوته فازفاً تلت قوته رمتها من فجها فاصار على الأرض ولي منها هريقة محافة منها أن تلحسه ببابها فقتله وذلك ان على سيانها شوك تابت
وبالراجح [الراجح] وعول جبلية ألوانها حمر منقطة بياض وأذانها كاذناب
الطباء لحومها حامض
وبالراجح [الراجح] أثار المسك وربا حمل الى الزاجة [الراجح] أحياء وهو أصغر
من السنور الصغير إذا عصرت خصيته خرج منها مسك طيب الرائحة والأثر يجلب
منها وذا مشت 100 في البيت نضحت منها رائحة المسك وإذا مسسته يبدك عقبت
رائحة المسك

91 G: الأرجح
92 D: في جبل الحار ود
93 D: لها
94 D: شعر طويل
95 G: الزاج
96 D: وإنزل
97 G: الزاج
98 D: وبالراجح
99 G: يلب
100 D: مشت
101 D: عقبت
وفي بلاد الترك جرّذان ۱۰۳ تسلخ جلودها وتنف شعورها وتفقد منها مناديل إذا نسجت. وإذا انسحت ألقيت في النار فكل النار السحاق ويفترين البال بين الدهق لا يحترق.

وعن الإسكندر أنه ۱۰۳ شاهد في سفره في أرض الهند أسد خرج على عسكر من غابة هناك وهذه الأسد ۱۰۴ في قدر الجواميس ولهما ۱۰۵ فوق منحازاً فوق أعظم أجسام من الفيلة، وعتازر طول أنيابها قدر ۱۰۷ ذراع ورجال طوال ۱۰۸ كل رجل طوله ستة أذرع بأسنان بترة كأسنان الكلاب، ووجههم كوجه النساء. والله قادر على كل شيء ۱۱۰.
الفصل الخامس والعشرون في مجازيف الطيور

القاز طائر صورته صورة الدراجة أحمض اللون كاللهب أبيض المنقار وعيناه شهيل ومخاليبه بياض كخاليب البازيف يصاد به الأزاب وكبار الطيور يكون ذلك في بلاد البند وهي في طري الصيف مغايكاء للبحر الحر وهذا يلزمه لا تكن حرارة ولا فيه حيوان وأهل هذه البلدة سود يحللون بشعوهم وهو سبسط طويل وفي بلادهم ينبت الذهب كتب قضاو الخيزران يجري علي وجه الأرض لا يمكن النظر إليه إذا أشرق الشمس من معاناه وليس لهم مساكن إلا الغيران و في بلادهم ثم تقدم كيتضم الخيزر و هي غذايهم و اذا كان هذا الطائر يقرب خوان فيهم سهم أو غائحة أسد ريشه ثم تناثر عن جسده حتى يعلم من عرفه حال السم فيتوقا فذا طرح في ماء الأرز عاد إليه ريشه بعد عشرة أيام.

وفي بحر فارس طائر بيدص على وجه الماء ويخضع قدي [ قذى ] النسر يفورف عليه و يلمع ولا يعرف غير هذه البحر

والراجيف يبهج بيوض وحر وصفر تتكدم بما يتهل بن من اللسان العربي أو الزنجية أو الفارسية

والراجيف شواين خضر ورق وجنين من الطير يسمى الحواري أكبر من الزرور وأصغر من الفاختة أصفر المنقار أسود الحناشين أسود السماح تنير الرحلين أفصل من البيضاء

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1 MS D, fol. 143a; MS G, fol. 155a–156b; G: فصل من غرائب الفنون في مجازيف الطيور.
2 D: إلى
3 D: لمعه و
4 D: وهو أسود
5 Ibn Khurraḍadhubb 1889, 61t: قد ي، Gharāʾib 2011, 468: قد ي
6 D: بيارج: 10
7 D: د. 10
8 D: بيارج
9 D: خ. 7
10 D: الحواري
11 Repeated in D.
12 D: المباه
وبيرج، بطبيعة وحمراء وربط منفرة الأعراف قصر الأرجل طوال الصياح
ببلاد الدنل دكة عظيمة في ارجلها: طول يكد الدبكة ان يكون مثل النعامة
وفي بلاد القافلة 15 بجبال الجارود 16 من أرض اليرج 17 بزة يبن
ببلاد سفالة جنس من الطرير يقال له الخراي 18 يتعلم الكلام ويفصح به إلا أنه لا يقيم
أكثر من سنة
بوضع يقال له الكحوم طائر مثل الدبكة له عرف هائل ويسمونه دكاء الماء
وفي بحر فرس طائر يقال له جرشى أكبر من الحمام ان ذره يتلقي 19 ذرهه طائر يطير
خلقه كالمولك به يقال له الجوانكرك 20 [الجوانكرك] فيبتلع الذروة
وبرأض الهند طائر يقال له الحشراي في مملكة بلهر 21 يتلوا أن حسن التلوان وهو في
قدر الأوزة أخص الأرواح الأماق تقعه الملك في دورها إذا رأى شيئًا مسمومًا
صخر صراحًا عظيماً يظهر من صراخه على السم فذاه آمن تغدى بكل صوت حسن تشريب
عليه الملك وقلّ ما يوجد منه إلا قليلًا 22
23 بأرض الصين طائر يقال له البلدام أزر اللون بقدر النعامة يصاد به حمیر الوشق
وبرأض الهند طائر 24 يقال له دبّوراً على قدر الحمام أزر اللون أينه المقار يكون
أيضًا في باراي المريخ 25 [البريج] 25 وينه يكون لا تظهر حية ولا عقرب ولا فأرة
ولا شيء من الهوام إلا اقترب 26
ويقع في جميع الأقلاع طائر اسمه بادرفرج أزر اللون أصف الخدقة مثل الفاختة
يدخل في البيوت لدماغه سلطان عظيم على طرد السامع الكبار ويسعط برارته من اللقمة

13 D: وبالرجال
14 D: إرجلهما
15 D: العاقة
16 D: الجارود
17 D: بالرجل
18 D: الحراي
19 D: يلبق
20 Ibn al-Faqih 1885: 13: [الجوانكرك]
21 D: بالرجل
22 G: النقلب
23 D: الوشق
24 D: طائر
25 MS D and MS G have البريج
26 D: اقترب منه
والفالج وترقب قانصته وتسحق مع كافور ويكحل بها من نزول الماء في العين فإن ينفع
من غي بصره أو من لحقو الغشوة وأصلاب عل العين وتع يئ في البداوة ولا يثبت
مع كونه حيث يكون شيء من الهواء وصوته يجل السحر والترجمة ورحلة وحانية ومن حمل
حدثة معه لم يرى الآمرة من الناس والحياة له والملوك يملقوها عليههم.

المامتر طائر أخضر الريش خلا عنتقه فانه أحم اللون كالذهب وعيناه سود وقوامه
صفرا كالذهب وله مثالب وهو في قدر البازي يدخّن [يدهن] في اليوت وتألف
الأنس واذا وضعت له وسادة وقف عليها حيث يرى المائدة فان قدم عليها شيء من
السموم أو فيه الغائنة 29 ليد بالوسادة ثم قتل رأسه إلى جناحه فتنت من ريشة ريشة
يخرج عليها قطرة من الدم إذا لطخ الحوات بذلك الدم ايضت حمرته من ساعته
وعلم ان عليها سا وهذا الطير يكون في أرض الصين في بلد يقال له جوزن يصاد بداية
يقال لها مرهن.

البهترام طائر في جسم الحمامة أبيض الريش له خطان خضري في وسط مثليه أحم
المقبر والقوائم أحم العيون مذلق المتقارك البازي له صوته حسن ينغم به لا يسكت
الألمع أو لشرب 31 يكون بأقصى بلاد الترك إذا رأى طعامًا مسموعًا انتفض
بالأرض وأخذته سكينة وهذا الطير يأكل ما تأكله الطيور والسباع والكوجو والأثراك
يكتحون مرارة فلا يبالون بالظلم ولا يستر عليهم فيه شيء.

السهوان طائر يكون بأرض الصقلا وة والبلاد المتاخمة للأخرى وهو في صورة
المتعا مع أن عنيه خضر الامام طويل المقبر كالدرع أحم اللون يعلم منه نصب
السكيان 33 ولله أضلاع [أضلاع] 34 ويطير بعزم الطيران السريع فلا يدرك و إذا
اصبح وصار في منازل الملوك لم يفارقه خوش فيه إيه يثير منه قطعة بعد قطعة والا
اضطراب وموت وربما عدا على من يدنو إليه وهو قليل يوجد إلا في الدهر

27 G: الترجم
28 G: تعلقها عليها
29 D: السوم الغائبة
30 D: مذلق G: مذلق
31 G: المشرب
32 G: انتفض
33 D: نصبات السكيان
34 G and D: أضلاع
الطويل وإذا قدم له مريض وحول وجهه عنه ثلاث دفعات علم أنه يموت. وإن نظر إليه وأخذ ببنتقاره ترابًا من الأرض يأكله فيكون عندهم علامة براء المريض من علته وعمره. تمت المقالة الثانية والحمد لله رب العالمين.  

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35 D: وعلم أنه يموت وحول وجهه عنه ثلاث دفعات وإن علم أنه يؤول إلى العافية.
36 Not in G: والحمد لله رب العالمين
THE BOOK OF CURIOSITIES OF THE SCIENCES AND MARVELS FOR THE EYES

Book One: On the Heavens

Translation and Commentary
In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Lord, increase my knowledge.

Praise be to God, who shares his qualities with no other; the One and Only, who is superior to all; the Creator of all things and their origin; He who brings life and He who takes it; He whom boundaries can not contain; He whom the eyes can not observe; He who knows the order of all things; He who sees through the secrets of the hearts. Praise. He is without beginning and without end. May the prayers of God be on the harbinger of his repentance and his mercy, the messenger who brings warnings of his punishment and His vengeance, the purest prime, the guiding model, our master Muḥammad, the chosen one. And [may the prayers of God be] on the leaders of the community from among his descendants, the virtuous chosen ones, the good Caliphs. And God’s Peace and Honour.

You have asked me—may God give you a means of obtaining every good merit, and an occasion for every noble trait; may He increase your good fortune and make you obtain wisdom—to write a volume encompassing the principles of the raised-up roof \[i.e., the sky\] and the laid-down bed \[i.e., the Earth\], a book that will reveal to you their intricate and difficult aspects. So I have written it down, composing it according to the aim to which you have directed me. I ask God, the Most High, to make it \[this volume\] conform to your wish, and satisfy your desire, as He is the master and benefactor of this enterprise.

I divided this volume of mine, entitled *Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels of the Eyes*, into books, each book with consecutive chapters and topics.

The first book consists of the structure of the outermost sphere, its form, its attributes, and its extent; the twelve signs of the zodiac; the seven planets; the lunar mansions, their indicator stars \[\text{'ayyūqāt}\] and their positions; the comets, their influences and their conditions; and what needs to be known and requires explanation in their regard.

The second book covers the seven climes, their longitudes and their latitudes, their seas and their islands, the extent of their regions, as well as their highlands, lowlands, famous rivers, and proverbial localities.

Then I added a description of the wonders and curiosities of the Earth, including those humans who are deformed as exemplary punishment, as well as those left lifeless and forsaken; and also mentioning curious plants, stones, and waters of every region and desert.

**The First Book, Divided Into Ten Chapters**

**Chapter One:** On the form of the universe, and the nature of its structure and its extent. **Chapter Two:** On the form of the zodiacal constellations, both northern and southern, and their attributes. **Chapter Three:** On the quantity of the northern and southern constellations. **Chapter Four:** On knowledge of the stars with occult influences and their occurrence in nativities and diagrams (?). **Chapter Five:** On the form of the above mentioned northern and southern stars. **Chapter Six:** On the attributes of comets, and the wonders associated with their...
Chapter Seven: On the obscure stars in the ninth sphere, their influences and effects.

Chapter Eight: On the attributes of the five planets and the two luminaries—that is, the Moon and the Sun—and their spheres of influence [ikhtisāsāt], their names, their positions, their effects, their strengths, and their associated ominous and propitious events.

Chapter Nine: On the lunar mansions, their forms, their indicator stars (ʿuyyūqāt), the dates and times of their appearance, and anything else that needs to be known of their conditions.

Chapter Ten: On the blowing of winds from all directions, and its effects on the world.

The end of the chapters of the first book. Praise and gratefulness be to God.

There follows the illustration of the encompassing sphere, and the manner in which it embraces all existence, and its extent.

[an owner’s note]:

Oh, you borrower of the book, leave me;
For borrowing a beloved is shameful;
My beloved in this world is my book;
Have you ever seen someone lending his beloved?

A circular diagram of the skies precedes Chapter One. See Fig. 1.1 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets (p. 316).9

[001] The ‘climes’ of the Earth
[002] The First Clime
[003] The Second Clime
[004] The Third Clime
[005] The Fourth Clime
[006] The Fifth Clime
[007] The Sixth Clime
[008] The Seventh Clime
[009] [I] sharatayn [2 or 3 stars]10
[010] [II] al-buṭayn [3 stars]11
[011] [III] al-thurayyān [6 stars]12
[012] [IV] al-dabarān [5 stars]13
[013] [V] al-haqqah [3 stars]14
[014] [VI] al-han‘āh [6 stars]15
[015] [VII] al-dhīrā‘ [2 stars]16
[016] [VIII] al-nathrah [3 stars]17
[017] [IX] al-tarf [2 stars]18
[018] [X] al-jabba‘ [4 stars]19
[019] [XI] al-khartān [2 stars]20
[020] [XII] al-ṣarfah [1 star]21
[021] [XIII] al-‘awwā‘ [5 stars]22
[022] [XIV] al-simāk [2 stars]23

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8 This is a later addition to A only, inscribed by an owner. The last line is written vertically.
9 The diagram is omitted in all other copies.
10 The name is more correctly written as sharatān, though the form occurring on this diagram occurs on celestial globes and other sources. Two, or according to some sources three, stars in the constellation Aries were said to compose this mansion (γ Arietis or αγ Arietis). The precise number illustrated on this diagram is uncertain because of damage to the area and offset of red dots from the facing folio.
11 Variously identified as three or four stars in the constellation Aries (αβ Arietis or Flam. 41, 39, 35, 36). Here it is illustrated with three stars.
12 The Pleiades, the open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus. Six or sometimes seven stars are visible with the naked eye.
13 Usually identified with the famous star in Taurus (α Tauri) that is today called Aldebaran after the name of this lunar mansion. Aldebaran is the most prominent of the open cluster composing the asterism of the Hyades, and the lunar mansion was occasionally interpreted to include all the Hyades. In the diagram, it is illustrated with five stars arranged in a V-shaped formation.
14 Most authors said that this lunar mansion was composed of three small stars next to one another like a small triangle in the constellation of Orion (λ θ Orions). The diagram also illustrates it with three stars arranged in a triangle.
15 Some medieval writers identified this lunar mansion with two stars in the constellation Gemini: γ Geminorum, whose modern name is Alena from the name of this lunar mansion, and ξ Geminorum. Others said that the three stars in front of these two were also to be included—that is, that the lunar mansion consisted of five stars: γξ ι ζ Geminorum. In this diagram it is illustrated with six stars, though one of the stars overlaps with the next lunar mansion.
16 This mansion is composed of the two stars in the heads of the constellation of The Twins, or Gemini (αβ Geminorum).
17 This mansion was usually interpreted as comprising three stars in the constellation of Cancer: the open star cluster M44, today called Praesepe or the Beehive, and two additional stars, one on either side of the open cluster (γ ξ Canceri). On this diagram it is illustrated with one very large red dot, representing the large star cluster, with two smaller ones on either side.
18 This lunar mansion consists of two stars, one in the constellation Cancer and the other in Leo (α Canceri and λ Leonis).
19 Four stars compose this lunar mansion, all of them in the constellation of Leo (ζ θ Leonis).
20 The name given here for this lunar mansion does occur occasionally, but the more common name is al-zubrah. It consists of two stars in the constellation Leo (ζ θ Leonis), and in the diagram is illustrated with two stars.
21 This lunar mansion consists of only one star, a bright star in the constellation of Leo (α Leonis).
22 Five stars were usually considered to comprise this lunar mansion (ψ θ Virginis), all in the constellation of Virgo. Some medieval Arabic writers, however, said that only four were recognized as constituting this lunar mansion. In this diagram it is illustrated with five stars.
23 A single star in the constellation of Virgo comprises this lunar mansion—the fifteenth brightest star in the heavens, whose modern name is Spica (α Virginis). It is here curiously illustrated with two stars.
called antares (α* star, the sixteenth brightest star in the heavens which is today age-smith and smith 2004, 249 and Qazwīnī 1848, 42–51. represented visually in other sources with seven stars; see sav-

eration virgo (ικλ

). on the diagram it is illustrated by two, or possibly

three, stars.

32 The full name of the lunar mansion was saʿd al-dhābiḥ, though it was not unusual for the shortened form to be used. It consists of four stars in the eastern hand and wrist of the constell-

ation in the arabic translation of Ptolemy's

35 The word muqaddam (anterior) is part of the term al-

fargh al-muqaddam meaning ‘the anterior spout’ that referred to a leather bucket envisioned by the Bedouins in the area of the Ptolemaic constellation Pegasus. The bucket was formed by the four bright stars on the body of Pegasus that form the modern asterism of the Square of Pegasus. The two foremost stars formed the ‘anterior spout’ and hence the twenty-sixth lunar mansion (α* Pegasi).

36 The word muʾakhkhar (posterior) is part of the term al-

fargh al-muʾakhkhar meaning ‘the posterior spout’ that referred to the bucket formed by the four bright stars of the modern asterism of the Square of Pegasus. The two hindmost stars formed the twenty-seventh lunar mansion (γδ Pegasi).

37 Rishā’ was but one of several names for the twenty-eighth lunar mansion. It was applied to the star on the south side of the waist of Andromeda and represented a rope used for the leather bucket envisioned in the area of Pegasus (α Andromae, Mirach). The number of stars on the diagram is unclear because of offset from the facing page which has left extra red dots in the space allotted.

38 A classical southern constellation said to consist of twenty-two stars, five of which (one in the head and four on the chest) are shared with Eridanus (the River). It is unclear how many stars were intended to be illustrated with red dots, for damage has occurred in the gutter of the manuscript and there is offset of red ink from the facing folio.

39 The classical southern constellation of Orion was said by medieval astronomers to comprise thirty-eight stars. Only thirty-two stars are shown on this diagram as belonging to Orion.

40 The classical southern constellation of Eridanus was composed of thirty-four stars, in addition to the five shared with Cetus.

41 The classical southern constellation of Lepus was composed of twelve stars.

42 The classical constellation of Canis Minor comprised only two stars, one of which is Procyon, the eighth brightest star in the skies. On the diagram, however, eighteen stars are indicated.

43 The classical constellation of Canis Major comprised eighteen internal stars (within the outline of the dog) and eleven external ones (outside the outline). The most prominent of the internal stars is Sirius, sometimes still called the dog star, while the days of greatest heat are often today called the dog-days.

44 The classical constellation of Argo Navis had forty-five stars, the same number as on the diagram. The area covered by Argo Navis is today usually divided into four constellations: Carina (the keel), Puppis (the stern), Vela (the sail), and Pyxis (the mariner's compass).

45 The constellation of Hydra comprised twenty internal stars and two external stars. On the diagram the constellation is shown as having twenty-five stars.

46 The term used here, al-kulyatayn, must surely be a copy-

ist's error for al-kaʾs (a cup, or goblet), a term used for the constell-

ation in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy's Almagest made.
by al-Hajjaj (fl. 2008/2088), the earliest of the translators of Greek astronomical treatises; see Ptolemy 1986, 1398; Kunitzsch 1974, 199. The usual name for this constellation was ṣāṭyāḥ (a jar) or al-maʿlaf (the manger). It was said to consist of seven stars, while in the diagram eight are indicated.

The southern constellation consists of seven stars. On this diagram only six are indicated.

The Arabic means ‘carrier of the wild beast’. It was usually designated simply al-sab‘ (the wild beast) and referred to the animal that was carried by the centaur (Centaurus) and thought to be a cross between a wolf and a hyena. The constellation is here listed before Centaurus rather than following, as in the usual sequence. In the Bedouin tradition the constellations of the Centaur and the Wild Beast were viewed together as one, and the title given on this diagram might reflect this older tradition, even though the Centaur is also given a separate entry. In the diagram, the designated area, containing one star, is badly damaged and is in the gutter of the manuscript. Nonetheless, it can be reconstructed according to medieval star catalogues, the constellation of the southern crown consisted of thirteen stars. The Arabic name simply means ‘the crown’.

This very badly damaged label must be the name of the last of the classical southern constellations—that is, al-ḥūt al-janūbī (the southern fish, Piscis Austrinus). It was said to contain eleven stars. On the diagram, the designated area, which is in the gutter of the manuscript, is so damaged that the number of stars cannot be counted.

The Arabic, like the Latin, means ‘the lesser bear’. This label, with its designated space, is badly damaged and is in the gutter of the manuscript. Nonetheless, it can be reconstructed with certainty, for it is first in the sequence of northern constellations. Its seven stars include the Pole Star. The damage to the manuscript at this point is such that the number of stars depicted cannot be determined.

The Arabic, like the Latin, means ‘the greater bear’. The constellation is composed of twenty-seven internal stars and one external star which it shares with Boötes.

The Arabic name al-ṣulṭān means literally ‘the kneeling man’. The constellation is composed of twenty-eight internal stars and one external star which it shares with Boötes.

The Arabic name al-ṣulṭān means literally ‘the tortoise’ and is relatively uncommon for this constellation. It was, however, used in the translation of Ptolemy’s Almagest made by al-Hajjaj; it also occurs on the two earliest preserved Islamic celestial globes (both made in Spain in 478/1085). The constellation has eleven internal stars and two external ones.

The constellation of Boötes consists of twenty-two stars, one of which it shares with the constellation Hercules. Curiously, the diagram has only five stars representing this constellation. Various names were used for this constellation. Here it is called ‘the goat’ (al-ʿanz), a name more commonly applied to one of the stars in the constellation of Aurigae (Capella, α Aurigae) rather than a term associated with the constellation Boötes. It is possible that a confusion of terms has occurred at this point in the manuscript, with the copyist mis-reading the word al-ʿawwā as al-ʿanz.

This northern constellation consists of a ring of eight stars. In the diagram it is represented by eight stars, but not arranged in a ring. The Arabic, like the Latin, means ‘the northern crown’.

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The Arabic means ‘hen’ or ‘cock’. The constellation comprised seventeen internal stars and two external ones.

The Arabic name literally ‘the lady of the hand’. In the Bedouin tradition five stars in the constellation (αυγής Cassiopeiae) forming a W-shaped asterism were called al-kaff al-khādib (the dyed hand) and were viewed as being the open hand on an upper extended arm of a figure named al-thurayyā, whose head was the Pleiades. The Greek name of this constellation, Cassiopeia, has no trace in the Arabic. The constellation consists of fifteen stars, though it is here represented with thirteen.

The Arabic means ‘the bearer of the head’. The figure of Perseus is usually depicted holding by the hair a bearded and mustached head of a male demon, while in his hand raised overhead he wields a sword. The constellation consists of twenty-six internal stars and two external stars. Only eleven stars are associated with the constellation on this diagram, and they are arranged in a distinctive manner.

The Arabic name means ‘the one holding the rein’. While Ptolemy catalogued fourteen stars in this constellation, Arab astronomers recognized only thirteen, saying that the fourteenth of Ptolemy’s was not observable. This constellation

Greek name Cepheus. However, the name al-multahib was used (in addition to qīqāʾūs) by ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī (d. 376/986), and the name appears on the two earliest preserved Islamic celestial globes (both made in Spain in 478/1085). The constellation has eleven internal stars and two external ones.

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[064] mumsik al-hayyah (Serpentarius) [18 stars]  
[065] al-hayyah (Serpens) [18 stars]  
[066] al-ğhāl [= al-nawī] (Sagitta) [22 stars]  
[067] al-ʿuqāb (Aquila) [9 stars]  
[068] al-dulfīn (Delphinus) [14 stars]  
[069] al-mankib (Equuleus) [4 stars]  
[070] raʿs al-ğhāl (Pegasus) [26 stars]  
[071] al-ʿayyūq (Andromeda) [15 stars]  

included amongst its stars the sixth brightest star in the skies, Capella.

65 The Arabic name means 'the one holding the serpent'. The constellation consisted of twenty-four internal stars and five external ones, though only eighteen are indicated on the diagram.

66 The Arabic means 'the serpent'. According to the star catalogues, this constellation contained eighteen stars.

67 The copyist has written the common word al-ğhāl (the demon) instead of al-nawī (the weaving-loom), which was the name given the constellation Sagitta in the 'old' or 'Maṭāmiḥ' translation of the Almagest made before that prepared by al-Hajjāj; see Kunitzsch 1974, 62, 184. The constellation of Sagitta was said to consist of five stars in a nearly straight line, though here there are twenty-two stars. It is possible that the star patterns for this constellation were inadvertently switched with those for Boötes, for the latter is illustrated with five stars in a straight line whereas it ought to be represented by twenty-two stars.

68 The Arabic means 'the eagle'. This constellation of a small bird consisted of nine internal stars and six external.

69 The constellation of a Dolphin was said to have ten stars, though here it is illustrated with fourteen. Its Arabic name, al-dulfīn, also means 'dolphin'.

70 The name given here, meaning literally 'the shoulder', for the constellation Equuleus is most unusual, if not unique. The constellation was conceived as having the form of a head of a horse and can be seen in the sky immediately above the Dolphin. In Arabic it was usually called 'the part of a horse' (qīṭʿat al-farās) or 'the first horse' in reference to the larger form of a horse that makes up the constellation of Pegasus. It is composed of four obscure stars, and on this diagram it is also illustrated with four stars. The Arabic name al-mankib, however, suggests that the author was sometimes designating constellations by their prominent stars, for this constellation and at least the next two constellations (and possibly the final one whose name is partially obliterated) have been given star-names rather than constellation names. The name mankib forms part of several individual star-names, including a star in Pegasus (mankib al-farās, §Pegasus), a star in Auriga (mankib dī al-ʿinān, §Aurigae. Mentelkalin), and a star in Orion (mankib al-jawzāʾ, §Orionis, Betelgeuse). None, however, are associated with the small constellation of Equuleus.

71 The Arabic means literally 'the head of the ghoul'. In the standard sequence of northern constellations, this must be the constellation of the large horse, called Pegasus. It was usually called al-farās al-ʿzām (the larger horse), and the star catalogues assign it twenty stars, though in this diagram it is given twenty-six stars. The name given it here is that of a prominent star called raʿs al-ğhāl (the head of the ghoul), a star of first magnitude in the constellation of Perseus, §Persei, known today as Algol. This star, however, is not a part of the constellation of Pegasus.

72 In the standard sequence of northern constellations, this must be the constellation of Andromeda. The Arabic name given here, al-ʿayyūq, is untranslatable and of ancient origin; it is that of a very prominent star in the constellation of Auriga (the sixth brightest star in the heavens, αAurigae, known today as Capella) and not in the constellation of Andromeda. The constellation in Arabic was usually called al-marʾah al-musāl-salāḥ (the chained woman), and the star catalogues assign it twenty-four stars, though in this diagram it is given only fifteen.

73 The standard sequence of northern constellations which the author has been following requires that this be the small constellation known as Triangulum. In Arabic it was called al-muthallath (the triangle) and was considered to consist of three stars arranged at the apexes of a triangle. It is unclear here how many stars were intended to be illustrated with red dots, for damage has occurred in the gutter of the manuscript and there is offset of red ink from the diagram on the facing folio. The Arabic name given in the cell for this constellation is clearly a mistake, for it means 'the serpent charmer' and is an alternative name for the constellation Serpensarius.

74 Or, in astrological terms, bicorporal.

75 The attributes of Virgo are no longer legible.

76 The last word is not legible, except for the final letter.

77 D (fols. 3b2-4a2), B (fols. 10b4-11a23), and M (fols. 3a42-4a43) contain a verbatim copy of most of the text outside the main diagram, but are lacking the diagram itself and the internal labels; C (fols. 1b22-2a4) also omits the diagram and of the surrounding text has only one of the quotations from al-Farghani given in the surrounding text.

78 Literally, 'in it', that is, at this eastern horizon. Following the readings in copies D, B, and M (which have no diagram), it would read 'when the Sun rises in Gemini'.

[072] al-ḥawwā‘ [= al-muthallath ?] [?] stars  
[073] Aries—diurnal, changeable, fiery  
[074] Taurus—stable, nocturnal, earthy  
[075] Gemini—possessing two bodies, airy  
[076] Cancer—feminine, nocturnal, changeable  
[077] Leo—diurnal, easterly, male  
[078] Virgo—(...)  
[079] Libra—westerly, changeable, airy  
[080] Scorpio—watery, feminine, stable  
[081] Sagittarius—male, fiery, easterly  
[082] Capricorn—feminine, changeable, earthly  
[083] Aquarius—stable, airy, male  
[084] Pisces—moist, watery, (...)  
[085] This southern horizon is very hot, very dynamic, and soft.

[086] The Eastern Horizon

Written vertically immediately above this label is a two-line statement:

[087] This horizon is very dry because, when the Sun rises there, it absorbs the dampness and it dries and expels the nocturnal moisture. The dry wind coming from this direction is called ṣabā.
The number of stars is the same, but the division is different: 360. 1669, 52.

He was able to identify a total of 1,022 stars.

Four lines of vertical text, the first two lines written in red ink and the second two in black ink:

The wind (that blows from that direction) is called the North Wind.

To the right of the circular diagram is the label:

The Western Horizon

Written vertically immediately below this label is the two-line statement:

This horizon is associated with moisture, because the Sun, as it moves towards it, distributes the dew and moisture that had accumulated during the day as a result of the Sun's absorption of [the moisture] and removes it. The wind coming from this direction is called dabūr and is wet and damp.

On the right-hand side (fol. 2b) of the two facing-pages containing the diagram of the heavens, there are four lines of vertical text, the first two lines written in red ink and the second two in black ink:

Al-Farghānī mentioned in Kitāb al-Fuṣūl (The Book of [Thirty] Chapters) that the size of each degree of the largest sphere is 1,100,190 miles.

In the twenty-one northern constellations there are a total of 340 stars. In the fifteen southern constellations there are 321 stars.

northern stars, 346 in the zodiacal constellations, 316 in the southern constellations (Farghānī 1998, 69).

The bābānīyah stars are thirty bright stars near the ecliptic that in early Arabic literature were attributed to the late-antique Greek legendary figure Hermes Trimegistus. The author mentions them in Chapter Two when discussing the zodiacal signs and devotes the entire Chapter Four of Book One to this topic (though in the latter chapter the term bābānīyah is not employed).

'Nebulous stars' (sahābīyah), may refer to either star clusters, double stars, or a nebula in the modern sense.

By ‘hidden stars’ (al-khafīyah) the author means very obscure stars.

The term for comets (dhawāt al-dhawāʾib) means literally ‘stars with tails’ and is the common Arabic term. It is the subject of Chapter Six of Book One.

The phrase ‘rulers/lords of events and changes’ is probably a reference to the seven planets and their influences upon events.

The early copy A reads quṭr (diameter), while the three later copies (D, B, M) read dīʿirah (circle, circumference), and neither are plausible readings. It likely that darajah (degree) was intended, since this sentence is repeated in essence twice later in this chapter (MS A, fols. 4a3 and 4b4), the first time using darajah and the second time juz', and in these instances the meaning is clearly ‘degree’. Moreover, the original statement of al-Farghānī, which is here being quoted, employs the term darajah (Farghānī 1998, 756; Farghānī 1669, 82).

In copies D, B, M the figure is given as 1,100,170 miles rather than 1,100,190. Elsewhere in the present treatise (A, fols. 4a3 and 4b4), the value is given as 1,100,160. None of these three values taken as the angular size in miles of one degree will yield a circumference of 410,818,570 (the figure given in the first label). In the statement by al-Farghānī being quoted here, one degree of the largest sphere is said to be 1,141,162 miles, which would in fact result in a circumference of 410,818,570 miles (Farghānī 1998, 756).

The author does not include the 361 stars comprising the twelve zodiacal constellations. Copy M adds the statement that the total number of stars was thought to be 1022.
These stars are divided according to their magnitude. Of the first magnitude, called *sharaf* ('honour'),\(^90\) there are 15 stars, of the second magnitude there are 45 stars, 208 stars of the third, 474 of the fourth, 217 of the fifth, and 49 of the sixth. There are also 5 nebulous stars and 9 'dark' stars.\(^91\)

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\(^90\) The use of the term *sharaf* in the archaic sense of a star’s magnitude is typical of the early Arabic Hermetic astrological literature from which our author drew much of his material (see Kunitzsch 2001, 16). In conventional astrological literature the term *sharaf* refers to a planet’s exaltation, or position of greatest influence.

\(^91\) The numbers (given in *abjad* alpha-numerical numerals) of the stars comprising each magnitude have been corrected according to readings in copies D and M and according to the text of al-Farghānī (Farghānī 1998, 69). Their sum is 1022. See also Birūnī 1934, sect. 157; the various preserved copies of al-Birūnī’s treatise present a confused and contaminated text.
The knowledge of the celestial sphere, and the characteristics of its revolutions and movements, is a knowledge that eludes humans, who are unable to ascertain precisely its nature and verify its size. This is so because the Exalted Creator has unique knowledge of His mysteries and of His secret will, a knowledge He imparts only to His chosen prophets and the elect pure, reserving that part of the knowledge which He had chosen to give to those prophets and elect whom He has chosen to instruct.

It is said—but only God knows His mysteries—that God revealed to Idrīs, may the Peace of God be upon him, the secret knowledge of the celestial bodies and the course of the shining stars [planets] in the raised-up roof [the sky] above the laid-down bed [the Earth], together with their competing movements in the orbits of their spheres, according to the plan of God, the Wise and the Omniscient. He has done that so that anyone, whether a scholar or a rascal, may observe and ponder the power of Him i ask the attainment of accuracy.

People are in complete agreement that the celestial sphere rotates and is spherical, bringing about through its revolving around the Earth the phenomena of longitude and latitude. The Earth is placed in its midst like a mid-point of a circle, surrounded by the revolving spheres, which in turn are encompassed by the largest sphere. It [the largest sphere] rotates from East to West around two opposite poles, one southern and one northern, revolving on these two poles in a natural and continuous movement, according to the will of its Creator Who set it forth.

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1. D (fol. 4a12b), B (fol. 11a24), M (fol. 4a13), and C (fol. 2a3).
2. Here the word falak refers to al-falak al-muḥīṭ (the encompassing sphere)—that is, the universe—given on a fol. 2a as the title for the diagram that immediately precedes this chapter.
3. The Islamic astrological tradition has identified the Prophet Idrīs, mentioned twice in the Qur’ān, with Hermes Trismegistus; see EP2, art. ‘Idris’ (G. Vajda), and van Bladel 2009.
7. Khalid ibn ʿAbd al-Malik al-Marwarrūdī, an astronomer working at the time of the caliph al-Maʿmūn (reg. 298/908–337; see Sezgin, GAS VI, 139). He is mentioned in Chapter One of Book Two amongst the scientists accompanying al-Maʿmūn’s geodetic expedition.
11. Here written as al-Ḥasan ibn Miṣbāh, while in copies D, M, and C it is written as al-Ḥasan ibn Ṣabbāh. He was an astronomer of the first half of the third/ninth century; Sezgin, GAS VI, 148–49.
12. The Banū Nawbakht were a family of astrologers and scholars of Baghdad; see Sezgin, GAS VI, 176, and EP2, art. ‘Nawbakht’ (L. Massignon).
13. It is likely that our anonymous author simply copied this list of authorities from an earlier tract, for there is no evidence in what follows that he employed any of these authors in the composition of the Book of Curiosities.
The largest circle in it is the belt of the zodiac [the ecliptic], then the ‘circle of latitude’14 from which one begins the numbering of the largest circle [the ecliptic], and then the celestial equator.15 These [result in] the sphere having two moving points, [on what is] known as the ‘circle of obliquity’,16 intersecting the belt of the largest sphere [the ecliptic] at two opposite points, one of them called the autumnal equinox and the other the vernal equinox. Inside the largest sphere is the sphere of the zodiac. But there is disagreement regarding the centre of the sphere of the zodiac. Some have said that the centre of the Earth is also the centre of the sphere of the zodiac. Others have said that the centre of the sphere of the zodiac is eccentric to that of the Earth17 and is changing in its distance from it.

As for establishing the nature of its eccentricity, its increase, its decrease, its forward motion, and its backward motion:18 If one were to produce a line from the centre of the Earth, touching the edge of the circle of obliquity [equinoctial colure] from the direction of the East, it would be eight degrees to the north of the vernal equinox. While if one were to draw another line in a westward direction towards the edge of the circle of the obliquity, the line would be eight degrees behind the vernal equinox.

The Earth with regard to the celestial sphere is like a yolk (within an egg), with the spheres surrounding it. The globe of the Earth touches the body of air, which is rarefied, concave on the inside, and domed on the outside. Its concavity allows the Earth to remain adjacent to it.

Following it is the sphere of the Moon, whose form is analogous to that of the body of air.19 Its interior is similarly concave, and it is in contact with the domed shape of the air. Its nature is cold and wet.

Following it is the sphere of Mercury, and its nature is airy and it is similarly concave.

Following it is the sphere of Venus, whose nature is cold and wet and has the power to cause moisture.

Following it is the sphere of the Sun, which is a sphere of brightness, light, heat and dryness. It lies within the ecliptic.

Following it is the sphere of Mars. Its nature is fire and it lies outside and beyond the ecliptic.20 Following it is the sphere of Jupiter, which is hot and moist. Its nature is vitality and fresh air.

Following it is the sphere of Saturn, which is cold, dry, and bitterly cold. It lies outside and beyond the sphere of the ecliptic.

Then follows the sphere of the zodiac, which is of various natures and parts. It is divided into 360 parts [degrees], each one of which, according to al-Farghānī in Kitāb al-Fuṣūl, is equivalent to 1,100,160 miles.21 These [360] degrees are then grouped into twelve signs, each sign comprising thirty degrees. These signs are known as Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpion, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces.

One starts counting the signs from Aries, because it is the first sign to appear north of the equinox. Then they follow in sequence until the beginning of the second half—which is to say, Libra—and with it begins the passage southward. Consequently, the zodiac is divided into two halves, a hot one and a cold one. The hot one is from the beginning of Aries to the end of Virgo, while the cold one is from the beginning of Libra to the end of Pisces. The upper

14 A ‘circle of latitude’ (dāʿrāt al-ʿard) is a great circle passing through the ecliptic poles. In the context of medieval Islamic astronomy it is called an ‘ecliptic latitude-measuring circle’ because celestial latitude was measured north or south from the ecliptic along a great circle passing through the ecliptic poles and the object. In this particular instance, the ‘ecliptic latitude-measuring circle’ specified is the one that also passes through the two points of the equinoxes. The numbering of the ecliptic always begins from the point of intersection at the vernal equinox. For further explanation of the term, see Savage-Smith 1992, 4, nt. 6 and Savage-Smith 1985, 62 and fig. 30.

15 The celestial equator is here called dāʿrāt markaz al-arḍ.

16 That is, the equinoctial colure. Here the term ‘circle of obliquity’ (dāʿrāt al-mayl) is used specifically for the equinoctial colure, the great circle passing through the equinoxes and the celestial poles. The term dāʿrāt al-mayl can also be used for any declination circle, which is to say any great circle passing through the celestial/equatorial poles. See Savage-Smith 1985, 65–6.

17 See EP, art. ‘falak’ (W. Hartner), and Kunitzsch 1961 for phrases such as al-falak al-ḫārij al-markaz used to refer to eccentric orbits.

18 Khurūj, irtifāʿ, inḥiṭāt, iqbāl are all terms associated with theories of trepidation. The text here, however, is not clear. The author takes up the topic of trepidation again later on. On the topic of trepidation, see Evans 1998, 274–80; Rājep 1996; and Mercier 1996.

19 The other copies are missing the sentences ‘which is rarefied, concave on the inside, and domed on the outside. Its concavity allows the Earth to remain adjacent to it.

20 The orbits of Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn were considered to be beyond or above the sphere of the Sun and hence beyond the ecliptic, which is the apparent path of the Sun as viewed from Earth.

21 The size of each degree is actually given by al-Farghānī in his Kitāb al-Fuṣūl as 1,141,162 (Farghānī 1998, 756–7).
planets are more influential when in the northern signs than in the southern signs.

The zodiac consists of two unequal sections, one larger and the other one smaller. The larger section extends from Cancer to Capricorn, the smaller one from Capricorn to Cancer.

Then also the zodiac is also divided into quarters. The first quarter, from Aries to Cancer, is called [the quarter of] the infant, the child, the hot and wet, and the vernal. The second quarter, from Cancer to Libra, is called the youth, the adolescent, the hot, and the dry. The third quarter from Libra to Capricorn is called the middle-aged, the beginning of decline, the cold, the dry, the autumnal, and the melancholic. The fourth quarter, from Capricorn to Aries, is called the worn-out, the old, the permissible, and the wintry.

These zodiacal signs are divided into two types, those direct in rising and those oblique in rising. The signs oblique in rising, from the beginning of Capricorn to the end of Gemini, twist matters and corrupt them. They defer to the signs that are direct in rising. The signs direct in rising facilitate and reconcile matters. The signs direct in rising, from the beginning of Cancer to the end of Capricorn, dominate over the oblique signs.

These signs are also divided into four groups according to their elemental natures: fire, earth, air and water. Thus Aries, Leo and Sagittarius are fiery; Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn are earthy; Gemini, Libra and Aquarius airy; and Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces watery.

The Greater Luminary [the Sun] has been given lordship over half of these signs in the same way that the planets have lordship in their ‘terms’. The Sun is the lord of the six signs from Leo to Capricorn, the larger half of the zodiac. The Moon has been given lordship, similar to the lordship of the Sun, over the other smaller half of the zodiac, from Aquarius to Cancer.

The celestial sphere revolves one revolution in a day and a night. The remaining eight lower spheres revolve with it, encompassing all created things (khalaq) and the stars. The first one is called the uppermost sphere, and it is the sphere of the fixed stars seen in the sky. The other seven spheres are those of the planets (al-kawākib al-sayyārah). The number of stars in the concavity (khaww) of the sky that have been identified is 1,022. They are all fixed on the sphere, static like nails wedged to a wheel. The size (miqdār, diameter?) of the sphere of the fixed stars, which is the eighth sphere from the sphere of Earth, is 19,000,090 farsakhs. The magnitude of fifteen of these stars is second only to
that of the Sun. The extent (miqdār) of what is encompassed by each star is 17,355 farsakhhs.

The diameter of the outermost sphere, as mentioned by al-Fargānī in the twenty-first chapter of Kitāb al-Fuṣūl, is 130,715,000 miles. When multiplying by 3 and 1/7 (that is, π) one obtains the circumference of the largest sphere, which is 410,818,570 miles. Therefore, the size of each spherical degree is 1,100,160 miles. Copy D (only) reads 19,355. The sense of this paragraph in unclear. If by miqdār (size) of the sphere of fixed stars the author meant the diameter of the sphere, the value provided (19,000,090 farsakhhs), when converted into Arabic miles at the usual equivalent of one farsakhk to three Arabic miles, would be 57,000,270 miles and far short of the 130,715,000 given by al-Fargānī in the next paragraph. Moreover, it is unclear what the dimension (miqdār) for each star of 17,355 farsakhhs is intended to measure. If the 'size' of the sphere of fixed stars is divided by the number of stars (1022) the result is 18,591—a value lying between the 17,355 farsakhhs given in most manuscripts and the value of 19,355 given in the single variant copy D.

These three sentences are repetitions (with minor differences) of sentences found in the vertical labels alongside the diagram that opens this chapter (A fols. 2b–3a) where these sentences are written in red ink either side of the opening circular diagram. The size of each degree actually given by the arithmetic is found in the Bodleian manuscript (A) next to the circular diagram. In copy D, a reader has checked the arithmetic by writing out in the margin the multiplication of 130,715,000 by 3 1/7, arriving at the result of 420,818,571; a similar check on the arithmetic is found in the Bodleian manuscript (A) next to the circular diagram. The size of each degree actually given by al-Fargānī in his Kitāb al-Fuṣūl, the source for the original quotation, was 1,141,162 (Fargānī 1998, 756–7).

The theory of trepidation is attributed here to Theon of Alexandria, who lived in the fourth century AD. In his extant writings Theon cites this theory, but, like Ptolemy before him, refutes it; nonetheless, he is still the earliest source of the theory. For the late-antique and early medieval theories of trepidation, see Evans 1998, 275–80; Ragep 1996; Mercier 1996; Neugebauer 1962; and Goldstein 1971, 125, 2264–99.

On the supposed role of the Chaldeans in advancing the trepidation theory, see Goldstein 1971, 123 and 2175. The phrase uṣūb al-tilsamāt (Bīrūnī 1934, 101) and other earlier astronomers; see Ragep 1996, 293; Goldstein 1971, 123. Ramsay Wright translates the phrase as it occurs in al-Bīrūnī’s astrology as ‘masters of the horoscopes’ (Bīrūnī 1934, 101).

Both calculations are obviously wrong. According to the rendition given by al-Bīrūnī (d. 1048), the movement of one degree was completed every 80 solar years, so that the maximum of eight degrees was reached after 640 years; in this he followed al-Battānī (d. 929), who rejected Theon’s theory but presented his own as a means of explaining variable precession; see Ragep 1996.

Or perhaps H-n-w-d. The word is written without diacritical marks in the Bodleian manuscript (A), though it is vocalised as H-b-w-d in copies D, B, M, and C. The person referred to is unidentified.

The Indian city of Qannauj, Qinnawj or Qanawj (Sanskrit: Kanakakubha or Kanyakubha) was the capital of the Gurjara-Pratihāra dynasty; it is also named on the map of the Indus River in Book Two of this treatise. In modern India, Qannauj lies in the Farrukhābād district of Uttar Pradesh.

The actual latitude of Qannauj is 27° 3′ N, nearly 4° north of the tropic of Cancer (at 23° 5′). The earlier phrase ‘on the equator’ is clearly contradicted by the statement that it is north of the Tropic of Cancer.

Literally, al-mab’uth is the time of the mission of the Prophet.

Nābaṭah is probably a misreading of the name Nāgabhaṭṭa (or Nagabhaṭṭa), the title of two of the famous kings of Qan-nauj. Nāgabhaṭṭa the First (reg. 750–780) was the founder of the Gurjara-Pratihāra dynasty of Ujjain and Qannauj, while Nāgabhaṭṭa II ruled from 805 to 833. See Tripathi, 1959, 230–35; EF, art. ‘Kanāwī’ (M. Longworth-J. Burton-page).

The ‘mean motions’ of planets (awsūḥ, singular wasaf) were a standard feature of astronomical tables compiled into volumes called in Arabic aswāḥ; see King & Samsó 2001, 24–25; EF, art. ‘Zīd’ (D. A. King).
and their planetary functions (kardajāt).46 Whenever their results conformed to the observations of his forefathers and to the knowledge passed down from the king H-b-w-d, they completed them [the calculations] and placed them on the idol of the exalted Brahmans. He ordered that the observations should be repeated each day and the date recorded, and that they should be written in gold-water47 on ivory plates. Nābaṭah lived to be 113 years old and had, since his childhood, spent his life observing the stars, his thoughts completely absorbed with them, relying on the assistance of the scholars of his age. Towards the end of his life there appeared before him a very learned scholar from the edges of his country, from a city known as Shawilābāṭṭ,48 which is the land of the elephants. This scholar provided the king with mean motions and planetary equations that he claimed to have found buried amongst the treasures of the king Aṯqā,49 who reigned six hundred years before the time of the Prophet. Nābaṭah accepted these calculations, as he found them to be correct and conforming to what he had already determined and observed. He kept these calculations in his House of Learning (dār ḥikmati-hi), and made them into the rule of law that should be followed in his kingdom.

To this day, the philosophers in the city of Qan-nauj prepare planetary equations related to the time of the Buddha, the great sage.50 They claim that if one studies the planets using these planetary equations and mean motions, they reveal the obscure truths. It is said that these are preserved in the great temple of the idol, and no one can see them except the Brahmin worshippers. Every day, the Brahmin keeper of the temple of the idol takes out a book containing the course of the seven planets, and the beneficial and maleficent attributes of the sphere that result from the conjunctions of the planets (al-kawākīb al-sayyārah).51 They copy it, and hang the copy they have made on the exterior wall of the House of Learning (bayt al-ḥikmah), so that anyone who wants to benefit from it on that day may look at it. It is left there until midday, and then it is hidden again in the Treasury of Knowledge (khizānat al-ʿilm) until the keeper appears the next morning with another book to explain the condition of the celestial sphere.

Let us return to the discussion of the zodiacal signs and their attributes. Some of the signs are considered male and others female. The male diurnal signs are Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, and Aquarius. The female nocturnal signs are Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces. The vernal signs are Aries, Taurus and Gemini. The summer signs are Cancer, Leo and Virgo. The autumnal signs are Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius. The winter signs are Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces.

Some of the signs are antagonistic to others. Aries, Leo and Sagittarius are each antagonistic to the other signs. Similarly, Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are antagonistic to other signs; likewise, Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces are antagonistic to other signs. And in the same way, Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn are antagonistic to others. The antagonism between the signs is due to the difference in their natures.52 Each sign is associated with a planet. We shall explain this53 according to the correct version, as Indians. It can, however, also be identified with the Gautama Buddha (Gimaret 1971, 22). In the fourth/tenth century Ibn al-Nadim in his Fihrist speaks of Kitāb al-Budd (The Book of al-Budd, or the Buddha), and al-Budd is mentioned by authors such as Jāḥiẓ (d. 255/869), al-Masʿūdī (d. 345/956), and al-Bīrūnī (d. 440/1048); see EI, art. ‘Budd’ (B. Carra de Vaux).

46 The term kardajāt (singular, kardajah) most often refers to trigonometric tables of sines occurring in astronomical tables (ṣijj) based on Indian tables, where the argument is expressed in intervals of 3°45ˈ (the normal interval for Indian tables). The Arabic term kardajaj comes (apparently through Pahlavi) from the Sanskrit kramajayā. It is, however, used in various ways by early Arabic writers, often in an ambiguous meaning (see Hāshimi 1981, commentary on sect. 9.33, 59, 60). In the present context, kardajāt refers to planetary functions.

47 Gold-water (maʿ al-dhahab) is gold-powder mixed with size and used for ornamental writing (Lane 1863, 983).

48 In Kitāb Bilawhar wa-Yūdāsaf, the city Shawilābāṭṭ, or Sūlābat, is where the prince Yūdāsaf is born. It stands for the Indian city of Kapilavastu, the Buddha’s place of birth, as the tional biography of Gautama Buddha (see EI, art. ‘Bilawhar wa-Yūdāsaf’ [D. M. Lang]).

49 Probably a corruption of the name of King Asoka or Ashoka (reg. 270–232 BC), the third king of the Mauryan dynasty and, according to Buddhist literature, a cruel and ruthless king who converted to Buddhism and thereafter established an exemplary reign of virtue. Asoka’s surviving edicts contain our first detailed information on the Indian calendars (Kulke and R TYNER, 1998, 62–67).

50 The Arabic text uses the term al-Budd for the Buddha. This is not the common Arabic name for Buddha, but rather the name given in Kitāb Bilawhar wa-Yūdāsaf to the prophet of the great sage.50 They claim that if...
worked out by the ancient scholars. They have said that God granted the greatest light [the Sun] association with the sign of Leo, and the Moon association with the sign of Cancer.

Each of the zodiacal signs corresponds to whatever planet is its particular lord. God has created the planets out of the Sun and the Moon, but they became dazzled by the light and radiance of the Sun, and retreated at intervals (mutābā‘idah) from its powerful light. Finally, their arcs extended from the houses of the Two Luminaries [that is, Leo and Cancer] to the point where each planet settled at the limit of its recurrent course.55 Thus the arc of Saturn is 210 degrees, for it has moved from the sign of Leo to the seventh sign, which is Aquarius, and settled there. Therefore, Aquarius is his house. If one counts the same angular distance retrograde, starting from the sign of Cancer, it also reaches the seventh sign, which is Capricorn. Therefore Capricorn is also the House of Saturn and is associated with it.

The arc of Jupiter is 150 degrees. Counting from Leo five signs, which correspond to 150 degrees, you reach Sagittarius, which became the House of Jupiter. When counting backwards [retrograde] from Cancer by five signs—that is, Cancer, Gemini, Taurus, Aries, and Pisces—the fifth sign becomes associated with Jupiter.

The arc of Mars is 120 degrees, corresponding to four signs. So counting forward from Leo, the fourth sign is Scorpio, which becomes the House of Mars. Counting backwards from Cancer, the fourth sign is Aries, which has also become the House of Mars, and is associated with it.

The arc of Venus is 90 degrees, corresponding to [three] signs. Counting forward from Leo, which is the House of the Sun, the third sign is Libra, which has become the House of Venus. Counting backwards from Cancer, the House of the Moon, the third sign is Taurus, which also became the House of Venus.

The arc of Mercury is 30 degrees [= 60°], corresponding to one sign [= two signs].56 Counting from Leo, the sign is Virgo, which becomes the House of Mercury. Counting backwards from Cancer, one finds the sign is Gemini, which also becomes the House of Mercury.

In this way, each of the planets has attained its zodiacal signs according to their angular distance as they were dazzled by the light of the sun.

The philosophers have come up with a nice allegory for these planets.57 They have said that the Two Luminaries [the Sun and the Moon] are like kings. Every king must have a vizier to consult with, so the Sun in its second house has taken Mercury as its vizier, while the Moon has also taken Mercury as its vizier in its second house in the opposite direction. That way, Mercury has attained two houses from both sides of the two Luminaries. A king must have a wife to rely on, so the Sun in its third house is associated with Venus, while the Moon in its third house in the opposite direction is also associated with Venus. Then they said: A king must have a swordsman to inspire awe, so the Sun in its fourth house has Mars while the Moon in its fourth house in the opposite direction has Aries, which [also] is the House of Mars. Then they said: A king must have a judge to pass judgments among his subjects, so the Sun in its fifth house is associated with Sagittarius, which is the House of Jupiter, while the Moon at five signs in the opposite direction is associated with Pisces, which is also the House of Jupiter. Then they said: A king must have someone to sow and cultivate the land, so the Sun in the sixth house is associated with Capricorn, which belongs to Saturn, while the Moon in its sixth house in the opposite direction is associated with Aquarius, which also belongs to Saturn. But God knows best.

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54 Throughout this section of the treatise, the word watār (pl. awtār) is used not in its common mathematical meaning of ‘chord’ (a straight line joining the ends of an arc) but rather in the sense of the arc which the chord subtends. The term occurs in the same sense in some early trigonometric treatises, such as the Arabic version of the Spherics of Menelaus (1st cent. AD); see Kitāb Manāliwīs in the second volume of Tūsī 1939. We wish to thank Nathan Sidoli and J. Lennart Berggren for this reference confirming the relatively unusual interpretation of this term.

55 What follows is also illustrated in the circular diagram at the end of the chapter.

56 There are two errors in this sentence made by all copyists: It should read 60° rather than 30° and two signs instead of one sign.

57 The following allegory (unique in the published literature) relates the five visible planets to the zodiacal signs according to their angular distance as they move either forward or retrograde away from the Sun. The allegory is then illustrated with a circular diagram closing Chapter One of Book One.
A large circular diagram closes Chapter One of Book One. See Fig. 1.2 for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets (p. 301).

Depiction of the Arcs of the ‘erratic’ Planets and Their Associations with the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac

[001] The arc of Saturn is 210 degrees from the luminous sign, Leo. Going in forward motion, it reaches Aquarius. It therefore became associated exclusively with this sign.

[002] The arc of Jupiter, 150 degrees moving forward from Leo, falls in the fifth sign and so becomes associated with Sagittarius. Sagittarius is therefore its house.

[003] The arc of Mars, in direct motion from Leo, reaches the fourth sign, which is Scorpio. The angular distance is 120 degrees. Scorpio is therefore its house.

[004] The arc of Venus moving forward from Leo [extends] to Libra, the third sign, where the arc, which is 90 degrees, ends. Libra is therefore its house.

[005] The arc of Mercury, moving forward, reaches the second [sign], as the arc, which is 60 degrees, ends there.

[006] The arc of Saturn moving retrograde stretches for 210 degrees, reaching Capricorn. It therefore became associated exclusively with this sign. Saturn is associated with these two houses.

[007] The arc of Jupiter, retrograde from Cancer, reaches the fifth sign, which is Pisces. The angular distance is 150 degrees. Pisces is therefore its house.

[008] The arc of Mars, retrograde from Cancer, reaches the fourth sign, which is Aries. Aries is therefore its house, since the angle of 120 degrees extends to it.

[009] The arc of Venus, retrograde from Cancer, reaches the third sign, which is Taurus. The arc, which is 90 degrees, ends there.

[010] The arc of Mercury, retrograde from Cancer, reaches the second sign, which is Gemini, as the arc, which is 60 degrees, ends there.

[011] The locations of the arcs (mawāqi’ al-awtār)

[012] Aquarius
[013] Pisces
[014] Aries
[015] Taurus
[016] Gemini
[017] Cancer
[018] Capricorn
[019] Sagittarius
[020] Scorpio
[021] Libra
[022] Virgo
[023] Leo
[024] Mercury
[025] Venus
[026] Mars
[027] Jupiter
[028] Saturn
[029] Mercury
[030] Venus
[031] Mars
[032] Jupiter
[033] Saturn

[034] {{The Second Chapter}}

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58 A very simplified form of the following circular diagram, lacking the essential labels, is found in copies D (fol. 12a), M (fol. 14b), and B (fols. 15b–16a); for illustrations, see the Introduction (figs. 0.5, 0.6, and 0.7). The diagram is missing from copy C, which contains only a partial version of Chapter One Book One.

59 The five planets visible to the naked eye (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn) were designated al-kawākib al-mutaḥayyirah (literally, the ‘bedazzled’ or ‘confused’ stars), for these five appear at one time to retrograde and at another time to move in direct or forward motion. The adjective al-mutaḥayyirah, from a root meaning to bedazzle and hence confuse, translates the Greek πλάνητες meaning ‘wandering’ or ‘straying’.

60 Al-idiqāmah is the usual term for forward, direct movement of a planet along the ecliptic; see EF, art. ‘nudjūm’ (P. Kunitzsch).

61 The diagram is correct in giving the angle as 60 degrees, whereas the paragraph preceding the diagram stated (incorrectly) that it is 30 degrees.

62 This is a ‘catchword’, giving the first word of the next folio in order to ensure the correct ordering of the manuscript leaves before binding.
Aries: Its name in Greek is qriyūs (κριός, a ram). It is in the shape of a lamb, with a twisted neck, its nuzzle pointing backwards in the direction of al-thurayyā (the Pleiades). Its head is over its back, turning towards the north pole. Its forelegs are like that of a horse ready to prance, its hind legs and tail are that of a horse. It [Aries] is the House of Mars. It has the exaltation of the Sun at nineteen degrees, as well as the detriment of Venus. Its ‘terms’, according to the Egyptians, are five: Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Mars and Saturn. It has three ‘faces’, the first being Mars, the second is the Sun and the third is Venus. It has three [lords of the] triplicities, which are Saturn, Mars and the Sun. It has three adrijānāt, which are the Moon, Mercury and Venus. It has nine ninths (nüḥbahrāt). In the human body, it is the sign of the face, the head and anything in it.

It [Aries] rules over the cities of Babylon, Fars, Azerbaijan, Palestine, the island of Cyprus, the coasts of Asia Minor, the lands of the Slavs, Khilāt, and Mosul. It has one fortunate degree, bringing great happiness, which is the nineteenth degree. The brilliant degrees are the fourth and the fifth. The dark degrees are the first and the eighth. The unfortunate degrees are the sixth, the eleventh, the seventeenth, the twenty-third, the twenty-sixth and the twenty-ninth. Its nature is fiery, eastern, diurnal, male, ‘tropical’ (munqalīb), hot, dry, and of yellow bile. Its lunar mansions are al-sharaṭayn, al-buṭayn and a third of al-thurayyā. Its days are longer than its nights. Its ascent is low. Its colour is yellow. It is the sign of pungent taste.

It dislikes Virgo, Scorpio and Pisces, but has affinity for Leo and Sagittarius. In ships it is the sign of the prow. Among riding animals it is the sign of the reddish-black horse. Among clothes it is the sign of red garments. Its day of the week is Tuesday. Its season is the spring.

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1 A fol. 6a1, D fol. 12b, B fol. 16b1, C fol. 2b1, M fol. 14a1. See the Glossary of Star-Names for the sources used to identify star-names, as well as various interpretations of a given name and its use elsewhere in the treatise.
2 The term bayt (house) is used here in the sense of ‘domicile’—that is, in each zodiacal sign there is a particular planet that is ‘domiciled’ and is dominant.
3 Copies D, B, and M add: ‘and the dejection of Saturn at twenty-one degrees’.
4 The word ḥadd (pl. ḥudūd), in an astrological context, is usually rendered as a ‘limit’ or a ‘term’. Each zodiacal sign (30°) is divided unequally amongst the five planets, the amount (or limit or ‘term’) allotted to each determining the quality of its influence. The copyist of the Bodleian manuscript (A) has omitted here the shares of the sign, in terms of degrees, assigned each of the five planets, but they are found in the parallel manuscript D, where they are given as 6, 8, 6, 5, and 5 respectively. Copy C also gives values for each of the five planets, but omits them in the account of Aries. Copies M and B omit the shares.
5 A ḡajj (face) is a third of a zodiacal sign, equal to ten degrees. Each ‘face’ of a zodiacal sign was said to be ruled by a particular planet.
6 The reference here is to arbāb al-muthallathāt (the lords of the triplicities), referring to the planets ruling the triplicities.
7 This term, adaranjāt, repeated throughout the chapter, is more commonly written as darājāt, the plural of darājān, and translated as ‘decans’ or ‘decanates’. The alignments for the adaranjāt presented by our anonymous author correspond to those for the Indian darājān listed by al-Bīrūnī, with the exception of three errors that occur for the signs Aries, Taurus, and Leo (Bīrūnī 1934, 263 sect. 451). In the case of Aries, Jupiter should replace Saturn in the list of the adaranjāt. The lords of the adaranjāt are in fact the domiciled planets aligned with the zodiacal signs when grouped as triplicities.
8 The term adrijānāt (vocalisation uncertain), repeated throughout the chapter, is an alignment that is otherwise unidentified.
9 Al-Bīrūnī reports that the Indians regard the ninth part of a sign (3° 20’), called nūḥbahr, as very important (Bīrūnī 1934, 455). The author of this treatise appears to have little understanding of the term.
10 Compare the localities assigned to each zodiacal sign by al-Bīrūnī (Bīrūnī 1934, 220 sect. 365).
11 The degree classifications of brilliant, dark, female, male, fortunate, and unfortunate correspond precisely with those given by al-Bīrūnī (Bīrūnī 1934, 263 sects. 457–459). The term used by al-Bīrūnī to designate unfortunate degrees, however, is al-ābār, meaning ‘pits’, while our author refers throughout to unfortunate degrees as al-mudirrah bi-l-ābār (damaging to vision). Later in the chapter, however, our author employs the phrase al-mudirrah bi-l-ābār al-ma’rafah bi-l-ābār (the injurious to vision, known as the ‘pits’).
12 The term ‘tropical’ (munqalīb) is a technical astrological term, reflecting an astronomical meaning of the word tropical, designating the signs in which the equinocial and solstitial points occur.
13 The lunar mansions are discussed and illustrated below in great detail in Chapter Nine.
14 Compare Bīrūnī 1934, 219 sect. 362.
Its ascent is crooked. 15 It is half voiced. 16 It is hot when in the eastern horizon, corresponding to the Sun and to Mars, but it is different from them when in the West. 17

It has thirteen stars: two in its horn, one on its neck, one on its back, two in its mouth, three on its fat tail, one behind its thigh, one above its waist, one on its back and two under his belly. 18 Of the bābāniyāh stars 19 it has one luminous star, which rises at three degrees and seven minutes, at a latitude of thirteen (degrees) North; it [i.e., this star] is of first magnitude (al-sharaf) and its temperament is that of Venus and Jupiter.

Taurus. Its name in Greek is tawrus (ταύρος, a bull), and its Persian name is kāw (gār, a bullock). It is in the shape of an ox turned upside down, with its horns on its back protruding into Gemini. It is kneeling down, but ready to rise. Its legs disappear towards the direction of the South. 20 One of its ears is turned towards the North and the other towards the South.

It [Taurus] is the House of Venus. It has the exaltation of the Moon at three degrees, and the detriment of Mars. It has five ‘terms’ 21 Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. It has three faces: Mercury, the Moon and Saturn. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, the Moon and Mars. It also has three [lords of the] decanates (adaranjāt): Saturn, the Moon and Mercury, 22 and three [lords] of adrijānāt, the Moon, Mercury and Venus. It has nine ninths (niḥahrāt). Its lunar mansions are two-thirds of al-thurayyā, [all of] al-dabarān, and two-thirds of al-haq’aḥ. In the human body, it rules over the neck and the throat. It is the sign of al-Sawād, al-Māhīn, 23 Hamadan, the land of the Kurds, and Isfahan. In the further lands it rules over M-f-d-y-h (Media), 24 the island of Cyprus, the coasts of Asia Minor, and Little Armenia.

It [Taurus] has three fortunate degrees, which are the third, the fifteenth, and the twenty-seventh. It has three brilliant degrees, which are the third, the seventh, and the eighth. It has one dark degree, the second. It has two male degrees, which are the seventh and the fifteenth, and one female degree, which is the eighth. It has six unfortunate degrees, which are the [sixth], eleventh, the seventeenth, the twenty-first, the twenty-third and the twenty-ninth.

Its fixed stars 25 are ‘ayn al-thawr (the eye of the bull, a Tauri, Aldebaran), also known as al-dabarān, located at twenty-three degrees and thirty minutes, as well as muqaddam al-jabhār (the front of the giant, ?) and ra’s al-ghūl (head of the ghoul, β Persæ). 26 Its nature is female, nocturnal, earthy, southern, ‘fixed’, 27 cold, dry, of black bile and sour taste. It is the sign of plants. 28 Among colours, it has the colour of the sky. It is the sign of a phlegmatic

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15 The terms mustaqīmah fī al-tulū‘ (direct in rising) and mu‘awjah fī al-tulū‘ (oblique, or crooked, in rising) are part of the technical vocabulary of astrology. Six of the twelve zodiacal signs were considered ‘direct’ in rising, and six ‘crooked’ or ‘oblique’.

16 On voiced and voiceless signs, see Biruni 1934, 213 sect. 353.

17 See Biruni 1934, 257 sect. 441.

18 The constellation of Ariës, according to the Almagest of Ptolemy and all subsequent Arabic star catalogues, consisted of thirteen ‘internal’ stars (within the imagined outline of the constellation) plus five ‘external’ stars that lay outside the outline of the young ram. In the text here, the external stars are not mentioned, as if superfluous.

19 The term bābāniyāh was often applied to thirty bright stars near the ecliptic that in early Arabic literature were associated with the late-antique Greek legendary figure Hermes Trimegistus. In Chapter Four of Book One, the topic is taken up in greater detail, though the source used by our author for that chapter differs from that employed here in Chapter Two.

20 That is, only the front half of a bull forms the constellation. In comparable sources, it is usually the front half of a charging bull.

21 The copyist of the Bodleian manuscript (A) has omitted the shares of the sign, in terms of degrees, assigned each of the five planets, but they are found in the parallel manuscripts D and C, where they are given as 8, 7, 7, 6, and 2 respectively. Copies M and B omit the shares.

22 The alignments for the adaranjāt presented by our anonymous author correspond to those for the Indian darjān listed by al-Birūnī, with the exception of three errors that occur for the signs Ariës, Taurus, and Leo (Biruni 1934, 263 sect. 451). In the case of Taurus, Venus should replace the Moon in the list of three adaranjāt.

23 A village near the city of Marv (Yāqūt 1866, 4:407). In a similar list of localities associated with Taurus, al-Birūnī has Sawād al-Māhīn, the Marshes of al-Māhīn [?]; see Biruni 1934, 220 sect. 365.

24 The Arabic word is surely a miscopying of the Arabic form of Greek Meθā, for Media occurs in the list in Ptolemy’s Tetrabiblos; see Ptolemy 1940, 157 sect. II, 3.

25 That is, prominent fixed stars whose longitudes are in the sign of Taurus.

26 The star is also known today as Algol, but it is due north of Taurus, not in Taurus.

27 The term ‘fixed’ (thābit) is a technical astrological designation of four zodiacal signs, differentiating them from four which were called ‘bi-corporeal’ (dhī’asasadayn) and four that are ‘tropical’ (muqaddām).

28 There may be a word or words omitted at this point. One would expect a particular plant to be named as associated with Taurus, and indeed copies D and B read wa-lahu min al-nabāt (of plants, x belongs to it), but the plant is not specified. The Bodleian manuscript A, as well as copy M, reads simply wa-lahu al-nabāt, meaning literally ‘plants belong to it’.
constitution. It dislikes Gemini, Sagittarius and Aries, while it has affinity with Virgo and Capricorn. In ships, it rules over the lower prow. Of the days of the week, it is the sign of Friday. Among riding animals, it is the sign of black and white horses. Of minerals, it is the sign of onyx. Among clothes, it is the sign of black and mushahharah robes. Among the emotions, it is the sign of sorrow. Of bodily constitutions, it is the sign of melancholy. It is of crooked ascent, ascending in less than two hours.

Of the babānīyah stars it has al-wardī (?) at eight degrees and twenty minutes at northern latitude; al-dabarān (α Tauri, Aldebaran) at twenty-three degrees and twenty minutes South; another star at twenty-one degrees; and yet another at twenty-seven degrees. The limbs of this sign are severed, and it is sterile. It is hot in the eastern horizon, corresponding to Jupiter and Mars. In the West it corresponds with the Moon and Venus. It has no voice.

Gemini. Its name in Persian is dīnkar (du-paikar, the two-edged axe) and in Greek didimus (δίδύμοι, the twins). It is the House of Mercury. The exaltation of the [Dragon’s] Head is at three degrees, and the dejection of the [Dragon’s] Tail is at three degrees. It is the detriment of Jupiter. It has a crooked ascent, hot at the eastern horizon and dry in the western horizon, cold, bloody, male, airy, ‘bi-corporeal’;

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29 Mushahharah robes were garments with borders of another color (Dozy 1888, 1796).
30 The star al-wardī (‘rose-coloured’) is unidentified.
31 The star al-dabarān is α Tauri, modern Aldebaran, but the position of 23°20’ South is puzzling; in the previous paragraph the same star was said to be at 23°30’, which, if it were longitude, would be an increase of 10°50’ over the longitude given by Ptolemy of 12°40’. Assuming a precession-constant of 1’ in 66 years, such an increase in longitude over that given by Ptolemy would imply that the source was compiled for an epoch of around 856 ad.
32 The Dragon’s Head (ra’s al-jawzahr) was a common name for the ascending node of the Moon’s orbit, while the Dragon’s Tail (dhahab al-jawzahr) was the descending node of the orbit. The Dragon’s Head and Tail were often treated by astrologers in the same manner as planets and given similar attributes; see Elwell-Sutton 1977, 88; and Birūnī 1934, 258 sect. 443.
33 The term ‘bi-corporeal’ (dīli ḫasadāyn) is a technical astrological designation of four zodiacal signs, differentiating them from four which were called ‘fixed’ (thābit) and four that are ‘tropical’ (munqalīh).

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34 The values for the ‘ascensions’ of signs are the rising times of the signs, expressed not in hours but in ‘time-degrees’. Therefore, using the conversion rate of 15°/1 hour, the rising time (or period of visibility) for Gemini would be 28° or 1 hr 52 min. The rising times given in the Book of Curiosities correspond to a crude scheme based on an arithmetical progression with a difference of 4° between the values. No ‘ascensions’ were given for Aries or Taurus, but from the pattern given for the other signs, it is evident that the rising time or ‘ascension’ of Aries should be 20° and Taurus 24° (identical to those assigned Pisces and Aquarius). Rising times are of course dependent upon the geographical latitude of the observer. A table of oblique ascensions extracted from the data given here for rising times is too crude to allow a precise determination of the geographical latitude. Professor Julio Samsó calculated the oblique ascensions for a latitude of 33° N (= Baghdad), using an obliquity of 24°, and found a reasonable (but by no means consistent) agreement with those derived from the rising times given here, and a closer agreement than with the oblique ascensions given in Ptolemy’s Almagest for lower Egypt. Hence, it is reasonable to suggest that these values were taken from a treatise originating in Baghdad, although a lower latitude (between 30° and 31°) would be more in keeping with Egypt and cannot be ruled out. We thank Professor Samsó for his generous assistance with these calculations.
35 On human and non-human signs, see Birūnī 1934, 212 sect. 352.
36 The copyist of the Bodleian manuscript (A) has omitted here the shares of the sign, in terms of degrees, assigned each of the five planets, but they are found in the parallel manuscripts D and C, where they are given as 7, 6, 7, 7, and 3 respectively. Copies M and B omit the shares.
37 The Bodleian manuscript (A) has 4:686), a steppe situated to the south of the lower course of the Araxes, in modern Iran and Azerbaijan. Yaqūt says that Mūqān and Jīlān form the population of Tabaristan (EP, art. ‘Mūḵān’ (V. Minorsky); Yaqūt 1866, 4886).
38 The Bodleian manuscript A has 4:686), a steppe situated to the south of the lower course of the Araxes, in modern Iran and Azerbaijan. Yaqūt says that Mūqān and Jīlān form the population of Tabaristan (EP, art. ‘Mūḵān’ (V. Minorsky); Yaqūt 1866, 4886).
Of the fixed stars, it has 'ayn al-'anz (eye of the goat),

\[\textit{mankib al-jabbār} \text{ (shoulder of the giant)}, \textit{al-shi'rā al-yamāniyah} \text{ (the southern shi'rā, \(\alpha\) Canis Majoris, Sirius), \textit{mijdāf al-safīnah} \text{ (The oar of the ship)}, \textit{rijil al-jawzā'ī} \text{ (the foot of the al-jawzā'ī)}, \textit{surrat al-jawzā'ī} \text{ (the navel of the al-jawzā'ī)}, \textit{al-'yūyūq} \text{ (\(\alpha\) Aurigae, Capella), and suhāyl} \text{ (\(\alpha\) Carinae, Canopus)}.\]

It has one fortunate degree, which is the eleventh. It has three brilliant degrees, which are the fourth, the fifth and the eighth. It has one dark degree, the eighth. It has one dusky degree, the seventh. It has five unfortunate degrees: the second, the seventh, the sixteenth and the thirtieth. Its properties are male, diurnal, western, bloody, vernal, hot, wet, airy, and sweet tasting. Towards its end the days become longer. A person of this sign loves the colour green, and has a constitution of yellow bile.

It dislikes the signs of Scorpio, Capricorn and Taurus, but has affinity with Libra and Aquarius. In ships, it is the sign of the side. Among the days of the week, it is the sign of Wednesday. Among riding animals, it is the sign of horses having white spots. Among jewels, it [Gemini] is the sign of sapphire. Among clothes it is the sign of white garments. Among actions, it is the sign of laughter.

Of the bābāniyah stars it has kaff al-khadīb (the dyed hand, \(\beta\gamma\delta\varepsilon\) Cassiopeiae) in its first part, at a southern position; \textit{kaff al-jadhāni} (the cut-off hand, \(\lambda\chi\eta\nu\mu\) Ceti) at seventeen degrees, also at a southern position; another star at six degrees and thirty minutes, at a northern position; a star called \textit{al-kalb} (the dog), ascending at twenty-one degrees and thirty minutes, at a northern position; another star called \textit{al-kalb} (the dog) ascending at twenty-seven degrees at a northern position. This is a human and voiced sign. Its ascent [rising time] is twenty eight degrees [= 1 hr 52 min].

**Cancer.** Its name in Persian is \textit{kharshank shār} (kharshang, a crab), and in Greek \textit{qarqilus} (\(\chi\alpha\rho\pi\xi\nu\varsigma\)), a crab. It is the House of the Moon, and the location of the exaltation of Jupiter at fifteen degrees, the dejection of Mars at fifteen degrees, and the detriment of Saturn. Its nature is female, summery, nocturnal, southern, ‘tropical’ due to the change of seasons from spring to summer, and phlegmatic due to long days and a lengthy ascent. Its ascent [rising time] is thirty two degrees [= 2 hr 8 min].

It is hot in the East, where it corresponds with Jupiter and Mars, but in the West it harms them and enfeebles them. It has an upright ascent. Among actions, it is the sign of weeping. Among forms, it rules over materials that are in large quantities, coarse to the touch, and dry and crumbling. It is in the shape of a crab, with eight feet. One of the claws is on the northern side and the other is on the south [of the ecliptic].

Cancer has five ‘terms’: Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. It has three faces: Venus, Mercury, and the Moon. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, Mars, and the Moon. It has three [lords of the] decanates (\textit{adaranjāt}) of the Moon, Mars, and

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39 That is, those stars that have their longitudes in the sign of Gemini.
40 An unidentified star.
41 Uncertain identification; possibly \textit{mankib al-jawzā'ī} al-\textit{aṣyāṣ} (the left shoulder of the giant al-jawzā'ī), a name for \(\gamma\) Orions (Bellerixis), or \textit{mankib al-jawzā'ī} al-\textit{ayman} (the right shoulder of the giant al-jawzā'ī), a name for \(\alpha\) Orions (Betelgeuse).
42 The Bodleian manuscript \((A)\) reads simply ‘the southern’ (\(\text{الساحلية} \) \(\text{الساحلية}\), corrected to ‘the southern Sirius’ (الشريعي الابنية), on the basis of \(\text{M}\), which has (incorrectly spelt) the sign of the crab, with eight feet. One of the claws is on the northern side and the other is on the south [of the ecliptic].
43 An unidentified star.
44 The foot of \textit{al-jawzā'ī} is usually identified with \(\beta\) Orions (Rigel), the seventh brightest star of the heavens. In Chapter Five, however, it is illustrated with two stars, and since the \(\text{اربعاء} \text{السباط}\) tradition speaks of ‘the two feet’ of \textit{al-jawzā'ī} (\textit{rijil al-jawzā'ī} as applying to both \(\beta\) Orions and \(\chi\) Orions, it is likely that both are intended here. The giant \textit{al-jawzā'ī} was much larger than the constellation Orion.
45 \textit{Surrat al-jawzā'ī} refers to a single star in the constellation of Orion (\(\alpha\) Orions); it is also listed amongst the stars discussed in Chapter Five.
46 More precisely, \textit{shāhīb} means horses of a color in which the main hue is interrupted by hoariness, or by some white hairs, regardless of the horse’s general color (Lane 1863, 1699). The word could also be read as \textit{shahh}, the plural of \textit{ashkhāb} ‘grey’, suggesting any grey animal.
47 Several stars were called ‘the dog’, including \(\alpha\) Canis Majoris (Sirius) and the two dogs of Aldebaran, \(\upsilon\) and \(\chi\) Tauri, located on Taurus’ left ear. The positions assigned to these stars in relation to Gemini are puzzling, and therefore preclude firm identification.
48 The star named \textit{barūn} is unidentified.
49 The copyist of the Bodleian manuscript \((A)\) has omitted here the shares of the sign, in terms of degrees, assigned each of the five planets, but they are found in the parallel manuscripts D and C, where they are given as \(6, 7, 7, 7,\) and \(3\) respectively. Copies M and B omit the shares.
Jupiter; and three adrijānāt: Saturn, Jupiter, and Mercury. It has nine ninths (nūbahrāt), the first of which is the Moon. Its lunar mansions are al-nathrah, al-ṭarf, and a third of al-jabha.

In the human body, Cancer is the sign of the chest, the backbone, the stomach and the ribs. Of the fixed stars, it has al-shiʿrā al-yamānīyah (the southern shiʿrā, α Canis Majoris, Sirius). It has five fortunate degrees, which are the first, second, third, fourteenth and fifteenth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the fifth and the sixth. It has two dark degrees, the second and the fourth. It has one dusky degree, the seventh.

It has four male degrees, which are the second, the third, the fifth and the eleventh. It has two female degrees, the fourth and the fifth. It has seven unfortunate degrees, also known as ‘pits’ (ābabār), which are the tenth, the twelfth, the seventeenth, the twentytieth, the twenty-third, the twenty-sixth and the thirtieth. It is the sign of the dusty and grimy colours. Of the constitutions of the body, it is the sign of coldness, phlegm and bodily winds (flatulence).

Cancer dislikes the signs of Sagittarius, Aquarius and Gemini. It has affinity with Scorpio and Pisces. In ships, it is the sign of the frame timbers. Among the days of the week it is the sign of Monday. Among riding animals, it is the sign of deep-black horses. Of jewels, it is the sign of the emerald. Among clothes, it is the sign of green garments. Among actions, it is the sign of weeping. It is an injurious, mute sign. Of the seasons, it is the sign of summer and of the month of July. Of the cardinal directions, it is the sign of the North.

Leo. Its name in Persian is shīr (sher شیر) and also khūshah (khosha), an ear of corn. In Greek its name is lyūn (λέων, a lion). It has the form of a lion opening his mouth widely, his back towards the north pole and his face towards the equator, stretching out his paws, arms and legs. Its nature is male, easterly, diurnal, ‘fixed’, summery, of long days and of yellow bile. It is the House of the Sun. It encompasses no exaltation or dejection, but it has the detriment of Saturn.

It has five ‘terms’: Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Mercury and Mars. It has three faces: Saturn, Jupiter and Mars. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: the Sun, Jupiter and Saturn. It has three [lords of the] decanates (adaranjāt): Jupiter, Mars and Venus, and three adrijānāt: Venus, the Sun and Mars. It has nine ninths (nūbahrāt), the first of which is the Sun. Its lunar mansions are two-thirds of al-jabha, [all of] al-zubrah, and two-thirds of al-sarfah.

In the human body, Leo is the sign of the heart, the sides of the ribs, the loin, and the back. Of lands, it is the sign of the lands of the Turks as far as the limits of the inhabited world, including Soghd and Nishapur. It is also the sign of Antioch, Sicily, the Yemen and Chalcedon. It corresponds to the summer season, and to the month of August. Of the cardinal directions, it indicates East. Among the days of the week, it is the sign of Sunday. Of the days of the week, it is the sign of Sunday. Of the seasons, it is the sign of summer and of the month of July. Of the cardinal directions, it is the sign of the North.

Leo is one of three zodiacal signs which do not have places of exhalation (sharaf) or dejection (hubūṭ) of a planet; see Birūnī 1934 258 sect. 443. The alignments for the adaranjāt presented by our author correspond to those for the Indian darījān listed by al-Bīrūnī, with the exception of three errors that occur for the signs Aries, Taurus, and Leo (Bīrūnī 1934, 263 sect. 451). In the case of Leo, the Sun should replace Venus in the list of three adaranjāt.

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56 The star-name al-mifrash is found in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy’s Almagest and is used to refer to several stars in the southern constellation of the ship (Argo Navis). Copy C writes the name as al-faras.
It [Leo] is half-voiced. Its ascent [rising time] is thirty-six degrees [= 2hr 24 min]. Among clothes, it is the sign of yellow garments. Of colours, it is the sign of skin-colour. Among the elements, it is the sign of blood. In ships, it is the sign of the upper prow. Among horses, it is the sign of fair-haired horses. Of jewels, it is the sign of sapphire. Of actions, it is the sign of satisfaction. Its days are longer than its nights. Of countries, it is the sign of Galicia, Apulia. It has three fortunate degrees, which are the third, the fifth, and the seventh. It has two male degrees, which are the fifth and the seventh. It has two female degrees, the seventh and the eighth. It has five unfortunate degrees, which are the eighth, the thirteenth, the sixteenth, the twenty-first and the twenty-fifth.

Of colours, Virgo is the sign of white. Of the bodily constitutions, it is associated with bodily winds, the stomach, and the intestines. It dislikes the signs of Aquarius, Aries and Leo but has affinity with Capricorn and Taurus. In ships, it is the sign of the hull. Among the days of the week it is the sign of Wednesday. Among the horses, it is the sign of piebald horses. Of jewels, it is the sign of onyx.

Among the colours [of clothes], it is the sign of bordered (mushahhar) and colourful garments. Among the human traits, it is the sign of anger. It is a mute sign, with severed limbs, and ineffectual in its upright ascent. Its ascent [rising time] is forty degrees [= 2 hr 40 min]. It is hot in the East, where it corresponds with Jupiter and Mars. In the western horizon it corresponds with the Moon and Venus.

Among the bābāniyah stars, it has a star rising at seventeen degrees North, and another star at twenty eight degrees and ten minutes North. On its left, southern, side it has a star at seven degrees and twenty minutes North, and on its right-hand side it has another star at fifteen degrees and thirty minutes North. Of countries, it is the sign of Babylon, Mesopotamia, Akhāyah (Achaia), Crete, Ayūn (?), the lands of Mosul, and the Jazirah.

Libra. Its name in Persian is tarāzū (= khosha, an ear of corn) and in Greek barthās (παρθένος, maiden). It is in the shape of a winged maiden, with her head touching Leo’s tail and the edges of her wings protruding into Libra. She is baring her arms and spreading her hands holding two ears of grain. Its nature is female, earthly, ‘bi-corporeal’, summery with days longer than its nights, of yellow bile, and northerly. It is the House of Mercury, and its [Mercury’s] exaltation is at fifteen degrees. The dejection of Venus is at twenty-seven degrees. It [Virgo] encompasses the detriment of Jupiter.

It has five ‘terms’, which are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. It has three faces: the Sun, Venus and Mercury. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, the Moon and Mars. It has three [lords of the] decanates (adaranjāt): Mercury, Venus and Saturn; and three adrijānāt: Jupiter, Saturn and Venus. It has nine ninths (nībahrāt), the first of which is Mercury. Its lunar mansions are two-thirds of al-sarfaḥ as well as al-’awwā and al-sīmāḵ.

Of the parts of the human body, Virgo is the sign of the intestines, the belly, the small intestine, and the diaphragm. Of the fixed stars it has dhanab al-asad (the tail of the lion, β Leonis, Denebola). It has three fortunate degrees, which are the third, the twelfth and the twentieth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the sixth and the seventh. It has one dusky degree, the fourth. It has one dark degree, the third. It has one empty degree, the second. It has two male degrees, which are the fifth and the tenth, and it has two female degrees, the seventh and the eighth. It has five unfortunate degrees, which are the eighth, the thirteenth, the sixteenth, the twenty-first and the twenty-fifth.

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in season from summer to autumn, bloody, male, airy, autumnal, and of short days.

Its ascent [rising time] is forty degrees [= 2 hr 40 min]. It is hot and dry in the East, while in the West it is cold and wet. It is human and voiced. It has five ‘terms’: Saturn, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Mars.\(^{63}\) It has three faces: the Moon, Saturn and Jupiter. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Saturn, Mercury and Jupiter. It has three [lords of the] decanates (\textit{adarjanjāt}): Venus, Saturn and Mercury, and three \textit{adrijānāt}: Mercury, Venus and the Sun. It has nine ninths (\textit{nībahrāt}), the first of which is Venus.

Its lunar mansions are \textit{al-ghafr}, \textit{al-zubānā}, and a third of \textit{al-iklīl}. In the human body, it is the sign of the thighs, the belly, the buttocks and the lower belly. Of the fixed stars, it has \textit{al-a’zal} (the unarmored, \(\alpha\) \textit{Virgo}, Spica),\(^{64}\) \textit{al-rāmīh} (the armored, \(\alpha\) \textit{Bootis}, Arcturus),\(^{65}\) \textit{baṭn qayṭūs} (the belly of Cetus, \(\zeta\) \textit{Ceti}, a common star on astrolabes, known today as Baten kaitos, derived from the Arabic. If, however, the star is ‘the belly of the Centaur’ then it would be \(\epsilon\) \textit{Centauri}.

\textbf{Scorpio.} Its name in Persian is \textit{kazhduːm} (scorpion)\(^{67}\) and in Greek \textit{squrbūs} (\textit{skroptoς}, scorpion). It is in the shape of a scorpion, with eight legs, four on the north side and four on the south side. The edges of the scorpion’s claws are in Libra, and it is clutching it and staring at it. It is the House of Mars. The dejection of the Moon is at three degrees. It includes the detriment of Venus.

Its nature is female, nocturnal, watery, southern, autumnal, ‘fixed’, with short days and an upright ascent. Its ascent [rising time] is thirty-six degrees [= 2 hr 24 min]. It is hot in the East, where it corresponds with Mars and Jupiter, but in the West it harms and enfeebles them. It has five ‘terms’, which are Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.\(^{68}\) It has three faces: Mars, the Sun, and Venus. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, Mars and the Moon. Scorpio has three [lords of the] decanates (\textit{adarjanjāt}), which are Mars, Jupiter and the Moon. It has three \textit{adrijānāt}: Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. It has nine ninths (\textit{nībahrāt}), the first of which is Mars.

Its lunar mansions are two-thirds of \textit{al-iklīl}, [all of] \textit{al-qalb} and two-thirds of \textit{al-shawlah}. In the human body, it is the sign of the penis, testicles, and pudendum. Its fixed stars are \textit{qalb al-a’qrab} (the scorpion’s heart, \(\alpha\) \textit{Scorpio}, Antares), the northern of the two stars of \textit{al-fakkah},\(^{69}\) and the \textit{al-zubānān} (the two claws, \(\alpha\) \textit{Librae}).

It has three fortunate degrees, which are the fourth, the twelfth and the twentieth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the third, the seventh and the ninth and the thirtieth. Its ascent is long and vertical.

Among the colors, it is the sign of black. Among tastes, it is the sign of yellow bile. Of beverages, it is the sign of hot drinks. Libra dislikes the signs of Pisces, Taurus and Virgo, but has affinity with Aquarius and Gemini. In ships, it is the sign of the part that lies on the surface of the sea (bulwark). Among the days of the week, it is the sign of Friday. Of horses, it is the sign of the horses with white spots (\textit{shahib}). Among the remote countries, it is the sign of Bactri-an, Khorasan, Bukhara, Tabaristan, Kashmir, India, Tibet, part of Ethiopia, Jurjān, Tokharistan, Herat, and Upper Egypt.

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Its nature is female, nocturnal, watery, southern, autumnal, ‘fixed’, with short days and an upright ascent. Its ascent [rising time] is thirty-six degrees [= 2 hr 24 min]. It is hot in the East, where it corresponds with Mars and Jupiter, but in the West it harms and enfeebles them. It has five ‘terms’, which are Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.\(^{68}\) It has three faces: Mars, the Sun, and Venus. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, Mars and the Moon. Scorpio has three [lords of the] decanates (\textit{adarjanjāt}), which are Mars, Jupiter and the Moon. It has three \textit{adrijānāt}: Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. It has nine ninths (\textit{nībahrāt}), the first of which is Mars.

Its lunar mansions are two-thirds of \textit{al-iklīl}, [all of] \textit{al-qalb} and two-thirds of \textit{al-shawlah}. In the human body, it is the sign of the penis, testicles, and pudendum. Its fixed stars are \textit{qalb al-a’qrab} (the scorpion’s heart, \(\alpha\) \textit{Scorpio}, Antares), the northern of the two stars of \textit{al-fakkah},\(^{69}\) and the \textit{al-zubānān} (the two claws, \(\alpha\) \textit{Librae}).

It has three fortunate degrees, which are the fourth, the twelfth and the twentieth. It has two brill-

\[\text{\textsuperscript{63}}\] The copyist of the Bodleian manuscript (A) has omitted here the shares of the sign, in terms of degrees, assigned each of the five planets, but they are found in the parallel manuscripts D and C, where they are given as 6, 5, 8, 6, and 5 in copy D and as 6, 6, 7, 4 in copy C; the latter sequence does not add up to the required 30 degrees. Copies M and B omit the shares.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{64}}\] The full name is \textit{al-simāk al-a’zal}.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{65}}\] The full name is \textit{al-simāk al-rāmīh}.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{66}}\] In Chapter Five of Book One, a star is listed as \textit{baṭn qayṭūs}, but it could well be read as \textit{qayṭūs}, as here. It is likely that the same star is being referred to in both places. If it is ‘the belly of Cetus’, as written here, then clearly the reference would be to the star \(\zeta\) \textit{Ceti}, a common star on astrolabes, known today as Baten kaitos, derived from the Arabic. If, however, the star is ‘the belly of the Centaur’ then it would be \(\epsilon\) \textit{Centauri}.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{67}}\] In Bodleian manuscript A, the name is written above the line; in all the copies, the Persian name is written as \textit{kazdum} rather than \textit{kazhduːm}.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{68}}\] The copyist of the Bodleian manuscript (A) has omitted here the shares of the sign, in terms of degrees, assigned each of the five planets, but they are found in the parallel manuscript D, where they are given as 6, 7, 4, 8, and 5; C omits the numerals. Copies M and B omit the shares.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{69}}\] Uncertain identification. \textit{Al-fakkah} was the common Arabic name of Corona Borealis, and the reference would probably be to one of the two stars either side of the gap in the ring of stars forming the constellation (\(\pi\) or \(\upsilon\) \textit{Coronae Borealis}). The constellation of Corona Borealis, however, is far to the north of Scorpio and nowhere near by. If the word is read as \textit{al-kiffah} (the scale, or pan of a scale), rather than \textit{al-fakkah}, it would appear more relevant to the combined constellations of Scorpio and Libra, and the northern of the two stars in the balance-pans of Libra would be \(\beta\) \textit{Librae}, known today as Kiffa Borealis. However, \(\beta\) \textit{Librae} is one of the two stars named immediately after this one and therefore it would appear to be an unneccessary repetition.
liant degrees, which are the sixth and the seventh. It has one dark degree, the first. It has one dusky degree, the second. It has three male degrees, the second, the fourth and the eighth, and three female degrees, which are the third, the fifth and the sixth. It has six unfortunate degrees, which are the ninth, the tenth, the seventeenth, the twenty-second, the twenty-third and the twenty-eighth, which is [the location of] qalb al-ʿaqrab (α Scorpius, Antares). Of colors, Scorpio is the sign of blackish-red shades. Of the bodily constitutions, it is the sign of breath (rīḥ), coldness, and phlegm. It dislikes the signs of Aries, Gemini and Libra, but has affinity with Pisces and Cancer. In ships, it is the sign of the base of the mast. Among the days of the week, it is the sign of Tuesday. Among riding animals, it is the sign of deep-black horses. Of jewels, it is the sign of garnet. Among colours, it is the sign of green. Of actions, it is the sign of silence.

**Sagittarius.** Its name in Persian is kamān (a bow) and in Greek f-q-r-t-s (τοξότης, archer). It is in the shape of a man, composed of a human half connected to a dolphin half, with hands and legs spread out. The man has one wing, and he holds in his hand a stringed bow in which an arrow has been placed, drawing the bow to the full. He is of wide mouth and large jawbones. A piece of chain-mail (zaradiyyah) on the man’s head extends backwards into Capricorn, and his arms are in Capricorn as well. It is the House of Jupiter. The exaltation of the [Dragon’s] Tail is at three degrees, and the dejection of the [Dragon’s] Head at three degrees. It includes the detriment of Mercury.

Its nature is male, diurnal, eastern, autumnal, ‘bi-corporeal’ due to the blend of the seasons within it, of short days and upright ascent, and half-voiced.

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70 The term mudkhanah, meaning smoky or smoked, is equivalent to the term qutmah, meaning ‘dusky’, used elsewhere in the treatise, as well as by al-Biruni (Biruni 1934. 270 sect. 455).
71 Copies D, M, and C give the degrees as four, eight, and ten, rather than two, four, and eight.
72 If 28° is intended here as the longitude (at the source-author's time) of α Scorpius, then the difference from the value given by Ptolemy would be 15°20′, which contrasts greatly with the difference of 10°15′ given earlier for α Tauri. The values as stated seem doubtful.
73 In all copies the word is written as al-najjādī, which is surely an error for al-bijādī, meaning garnet.
74 In the Bodleian manuscript A, the Persian name is missing, but the common Persian name for Sagittarius, kamān, is supplied by copies D, B, and M.
75 The Bodleian copy A reads nahār (diurnal), while all the later copies read ‘iery’ (nārī). Its ascent [rising time] is thirty-two degrees [= 2 hr 8 min]. It is hot in the East, corresponding with the Sun and Mars, while opposing them in the West with coldness and dampness. It has yellow bile and a bitter taste. It has five ‘terms’: Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Saturn and Mars. It has three faces, which are Mercury, the Moon and Saturn. It has three [lords of the] triplicities, which are the Sun, Jupiter and Saturn. It has three [lords of the] decanates (adarānāt): Jupiter, Mars and the Sun, and three adrijānāt: the Moon, Mercury and Venus. It has nine ninths (nūbahrāt), the first of which is Jupiter.

Its lunar mansions are a third of al-shawlah, as well as al-na’ām and al-baladah. In the human body, it is the sign of the thighs. Its fixed stars are al-nasr al-wāqi’ (the falling eagle, α Lyrae; Vega), ‘urqūb al-rāmī (the archer’s tendon, β1,2 Sagittarii; Arkab), and ra’s al-hawwā (head of the serpent-charmer, α Ophiuchi; Ras Alhague).

Sagittarius has two fortunate degrees, which are the thirteenth and the twentieth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the ninth and the last one. It has one dark degree, the sixth. It has one dusky degree, the ninth. It has three male degrees, the second, the sixth and the seventh. It has two female degrees, which are the second and the thirteenth. It has seven ‘pits’, or unfortunate degrees, which are the seventh, the twelfth, the sixteenth, the seventeenth, the twelfth and the sixteenth.

It is the sign of the color of dust. Among the bodily constitutions, it is the sign of heat. It dislikes the signs of Taurus, Cancer and Scorpio, but has affinity with Aries and Leo. In ships it is the sign of the mainmast. Among the days of the week it is the sign of Thursday. Of riding animals, it is the sign of reddish-black horses. Among the precious stones, it is the sign of carnelian. Of colors, it is the sign of red. Among the actions, it is the sign of listening.

Among the seasons it is the sign of autumn. Of the months it is the sign of December. Among the clothes it is the sign of red garments. Of the remote cities, it is the sign of Ṭūrīnīyah (Tyrrenia), Qaltiqīyah (?) (Celtica), the land of the Ishbān...
Capricorn. Its name in Persian is buzghālā (a calf or kid), and in Greek agkhūyīs (xīγχεςζως, a horned goat). It is in the shape of a goat, with two whiskers (sabalatayn?) and a mane that falls down loosely. It has two horns. Its forelegs are those of a horse kneeling down but ready to rise, and its hind-legs are bent. Its nature is female, nocturnal, southern, and dry in the East, cold and damp in the West. It is associated with black bile, has an abbreviated ascent, severed from autumn to winter and cold. It is associated with the keel. Among the days of the week it is the sign of Saturday. Among riding animals it is the sign of deep-black horses. Of precious stones it is agate (steingass 1892, 474).

Capricorn has four fortunate degrees, which are the twelfth, the fourteenth and the seventeenth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the first and the fifth. It has one dark degree, the fourth. It has two dusky degrees, the third and ninth. It has one male degree, the eleventh. It has one female degree, the eighth. It has six 'pits', or unfortunate degrees which are the second, the seventh, the seventeenth, the twenty-second, the twenty-third and the twenty-fourth. It is a cold dry sign, of black bile and sour taste.

It is the sign of green, piebald, and peacock colors. Among the bodily constitutions, it is the sign of dampness and melancholia. It dislikes the signs of Gemini, Leo and Sagittarius, but has an affinity with Taurus and Virgo. In ships, it is the sign of the keel (rijiil). Among the days of the week it is the sign of Saturday. Among riding animals it is the sign of deep-black horses. Precious stones are agate (steingass 1892, 474).

Aquarius. In Persian its name is dol (a bucket) and in Greek ibrūhis (ἐδροχόος, water-pourer). It is in the shape of a man in profile, holding a rope in a reel as if drawing water from a well, his mouth turned to the east. It is the House of Saturn and the detriment of the Sun, but it includes no exaltation or dejection.

Its nature is male, diurnal, western, 'fixed', and bloody. It has a sweet taste, short days and crooked ascent. It is human and voiced. Its ascent [rising time] is twenty four degrees [= 1hr 36 min]. It is hot in the East, corresponding to Jupiter and Mars, while in the West it corresponds with the Moon and Venus.

Capricorn is the House of Saturn. The exaltation of Mars is at twenty-eight degrees, and the dejection of Jupiter at fifteen degrees. It includes the detriment of the Moon. It has five 'terms': Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Mars and Saturn. It has three faces, which are Jupiter, Mars and the Sun. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, Mars and the Moon. It has three [lords of the] decanates (adaranjāt): Saturn, Venus and Mercury, and three adrijānāt: the Sun, Mars and Jupiter. It has nine ninths (nūbahrāt), the first of which is Saturn.

Its lunar mansions are sa’ād al-dhābīh, sa’ād al-bula’, and a third of sa’ād al-su’ūd. In the human body it is the sign of the left shin, the right thigh and the knees. Of the [prominent] fixed stars, it has al-nasr al-tā’ir (the flying eagle, α Aquilae; Altair).

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Venus and Jupiter. It has three [lords of the] triplicities: Saturn, Mercury and Jupiter. It has three [lords of the] decanates (adaranjāt): Saturn, Mercury and Venus, and three adrijānāt: Saturn, the Moon and Mercury. It has nine ninths (nihbahrat), the first of which is Saturn.

Its lunar mansions are two-thirds of sa’d al-su’ūd, [all of] sa’d al-akhhīyāh, and a third of al-fargh al-muqaddam. In the human body it is the sign of the shins. Its fixed stars are fam al-hūt (mouth of the fish, a Piscis Austrini; Fomalhaut) and al-ridf (the follower, a Cygni; Deneb).

Aquarius has four fortunate degrees, which are the fourth, the sixteenth, the seventeenth and the twentieth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the fifth and the eighth, and it has one dark degree, the fourth. It has two male degrees, the fifth and the sixth, and two female degrees, the fourth and the seventh. It has eight ‘pits’, or unfortunate degrees, which are the first, the tenth, the seventeenth, the twenty-second, the twenty-seventh, the twenty-ninth and the thirtieth.

It has affinity among colors with yellowness, the yellowish color of skin. Among bodily constitutions, it is the sign of coldness. It dislikes the signs Cancer, Virgo and Pisces, but has affinity with Gemini and Libra. In ships, it is the sign of the sail. Among the countries, it is the sign of Samarkand, Soghd, the river of Balkh, Farghānah, al-Sarāt,87 al-Shāsh, Ethiopia, al-Balqāʾ,88 the lands of the Copts in Egypt, Kufah and its environs as far as al-Jabal and Baghdad, and part of Fars. The persons of this sign correspond with western directions, the wintry season, and the month of February. It is the sign of Saturdays, white horses and sweet taste.

Pisces. Its name in Persian is māhe (a fish) and in Greek ikhthēs (? (ἰχθύς, fishes). It is in the shape of two fishes, the head of one touching the tail of the other. This sign is female, nocturnal, watery, southern, wintry, and ‘bi-corporeal’ due to the change of seasons. It is the House of Jupiter. The exalation of Venus is at twenty-seven degrees, and the dejection of Mercury is at fifteen degrees.

It is a northern sign, of cold nature and low ascent. The equinox occurs at the end of this sign. It is an injurious mute sign. Its ascent [rising time] is twenty degrees [= 1 hr 20 min]. It is hot in the East, corresponding with Mars and Jupiter, while in the West it harms and enfeebles them. It has five ‘terms’, which are Venus, Jupiter, Mercury, Mars and Saturn. It has three faces: Saturn, Jupiter and Mars. It [Pisces] has three [lords of the] triplicities: Venus, the Sun and the Moon. It has three [lords of the] decanates (adaranjāt): Jupiter, the Moon and Mars, and three adrijānāt: Venus, the Sun and the Moon. It has nine ninths, the first of which if Jupiter.

Its lunar mansions are a third of the [al-fargh] al-muqaddam, as well as al-fargh al-mu’akhkhar, and baṭn al-hūt. In the human body, it is the sign of the feet. Its fixed89 stars are mānkhīb al-faras (shoulder of the horse, β Pegasi) and ra’s al-mar’ah (the head of the woman, a Andromedae).

It has two fortunate degrees, which are the twelfth and the twentieth. It has two brilliant degrees, which are the third and the fourth. It has one dark degree, the second. Its empty degrees are the fourth and the sixth. It has two male degrees, the second and the tenth. It has two female degrees, the third and thirteenth. It has six ‘pits’, or unfortunate degrees, which are the third, the ninth, the twenty-first, the twenty-fourth, the twenty-seventh and the twenty-eighth.

Pisces is the sign of piebald colors. A person of this sign is afflicted by heat and dryness. It dislikes
the signs of Leo, Libra and Aquarius, but has affinity with Cancer and Scorpio. In ships, it is the sign of the oars. Of days of the week, it is the sign of Thursday. It is the sign of deep-black horses and green clothes. Among jewels it is the sign of the emerald. Of actions, it is the sign of wakefulness.

Of the bābānīyah stars arising in it [Pisces], it has one luminous star at five degrees and seven minutes North. Among the remote lands, it is the sign of Qusrān [?], Lydia, F-l-f-q-h [?], Qlūfiyah (Cilicia), and J-r-m-h (Garamantica). It corresponds to the wintry season, and to the month of March.

These zodiacal signs consist of constellations (ṣuwar), degrees, and faces (wujūh), to which are assigned incenses,92 positions (wuqūfāt), and actions (afʿāl) affecting a person born under them. We have not elucidated in this book these technical aspects of the art. We have, however, explained and analysed them in a thorough manner in our book entitled al-Muḥīṭ (The Comprehensive). Whoever wishes to attain what he desires from the knowledge of these zodiacal signs, as they have been explained, written down and studied by the scholars, should—so help him God—examine our other book, The Comprehensive. And God gives success by His power.

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91 In Ptolemy’s Tetrabiblos, the list of places associated with Pisces are Φαζανία (Phazania), Νασμονίτις (Nasamonitis), Παμφλία (Pamphilia); see Ptolemy 1940, 158 sect. II. 3. See also the list of regions connected with Aries in Abū Ma’shar 2000, 1314, which includes Britannia, Fālīqah (?), and Germania.

92 Both A and D read bakhūrāt, meaning any perfumed substances used for fumigation. If the text has not been corrupted at this point, our author is associating the use of incense fumigations with the astrological influence of zodiacal signs. Various early magical or talismanic rituals involved the burning of incense, though such procedures were usually associated with talismanic representations of the planets rather than the signs. Aloeswood was associated with the Sun, for example, and frankincense with the Moon, saffron with Venus, and so forth (de Callataï & Halflants 2011, 54, 63, 136)
We shall start with a discussion of the northern constellations.

**Al-dubb al-asghar** (the lesser bear; Ursa Minor): It has seven stars. It looks like a bear, his face close to the pole. There are no stars in its head and legs, only the three stars in the tail and four stars in the middle [of the body].

**Al-dubb al-akbar** (the greater bear; Ursa Major): It has seventeen stars. It looks like a bear. Its face, head and legs are turned towards the equator. The stars are found from its head to its tail.

**Al-tinnin** (the dragon; Draco): It has thirty-one stars. It has the shape of a serpent, with its body partly coiled and then stretches like a string. Its coiliness is greater between its neck and its middle. Its tail runs from behind Ursa Major towards al-ʿawāʾidh (the camel-mothers, γξβν Draconis), which are the four stars that form the head of the serpent and its eyes, and the fifth star, within the square area of al-ʿawāʾidh, found on the serpent’s tongue. The closest stars to the pole are the three stars that form a triangular shape on the back of the serpent.

**Al-multahib** (the burning one; Cepheus), also called qiqaʿūs (Cepheus): Its stars are eleven in number. Its form is that of a seated man wearing a cap, lifting one leg and resting the other. His head is turned towards the equator, and his legs are in front of the pole. It is preceded by Būqṭis (Boötes), which is al-ʿawwāʾ, meaning the howler.

**Al-ghūl** (the demon; Boötes), which guards al-simāk, also known as al-ʿanż (the goat). It has twenty-two stars. It looks like a man, with his head turned towards the pole. One of his hands is on the Milky Way, near the pole. Both of his two legs have been amputated, and he is deformed appearance, resembling a devil. The star al-simāk al-rāmīh (the armed simāk, α Boötis; Arcturus) is on its left thigh.

**Al-ikdīl** (the northern crown; Corona Borealis), also known as al-fakkah: It has eight stars. It looks like a crown.

**Al-jāthī** (the kneeling man; Hercules): It has twenty-eight stars. It looks like a man kneeling with a sword strapped on him. His head is turned towards the equator and his legs towards the north pole.

**Al-luṟā** (Lyra), also known as the al-nasr al-wāqiʿ (the falling eagle) and al-sulaḥfāh (a tortoise). It has ten stars. It looks like a bird wearing a conical...
cap, its face next to the north pole, and its wings stretched towards the equator like arcs.

Al-dajjājih (hen or cock; Cygnus): It has seventeen stars. It looks like a duck with a wide beak, and the feathers of its tail are short. A luminous star is found in its beak, near the Milky Way. Its head is turned towards the equator and the East. One of its wings is turned towards the north pole and the other towards the equator.9 It has two legs, claws and a tail.

Dhāt al-kaff al-khāḍīb (the lady of the dyed hand; Cassiopeia): It has thirteen stars. It looks like a woman sitting on a throne, and between her legs the throne has the form of a legged chair. Her head is turned towards the equator, and her legs towards the north pole.

Ra’s al-ghūl (Barsha’ūsh) (the head of the demon; Perseus), which is al-multahīb (the burning one).10 It has twenty-six stars. It looks like a man riding a horse, holding in his hand the head of a demon. The head resembles a crown, with a luminous star in its middle. The face of the riding man is turned towards the equator, while the head of the demon is turned towards the East.

Al-‘aqqūf also known as mumsik al-‘inān (the one holding the rein; Auriga): Its Greek name is anīkhus (‘al-‘ayyūq, ‘the one holding the rein’).12 It has fourteen stars. It looks like a man holding in his hand the rein of horse. His face is turned towards the equator, and on his head he wears a helmet, with a long tail resembling chain mail.

Al-hawwā (the snake-charmer; Ophiuchus/Serpentarius): Its stars are twenty-four in number. It looks like a man, with his head towards the north pole and his feet towards the equator. The middle part of the snake passes straight over the snake-charmer’s belly.

Hayyat al-hawwā (the snake-charmer’s snake; Serpens): It has eighteen stars. It looks like a snake, its head turned towards the pole and its tail towards the East.

Al-‘anazah (a javelin or short spear; Sagitta), also known as al-nok (a sharp point).13 It has five stars. Its head has the form of an arrow, and some call it al-sahm (the arrow). It looks like an arrow, with a notch and an arrowhead. The leg of al-nasr al-tā’īr (the flying eagle)14 is on it, as if it is standing above it. The head of the arrow is turned towards the East and its back end towards the West.15

Al-‘aqāb (the eagle; Aquila), also known as al-nasr al-tā’īr16 It looks like a bird, with an eagle’s beak, claws and tail. Its wings are over its back, and its head is turned towards the equator. The claws of its feet are on al-sahm (Sagitta). Its head is turned towards the East and its face towards the West. It is facing the pole. It has nine stars.

Al-dulfīn (the dolphin; Delphinus): It has fourteen stars. It is a marine animal and it looks like a marine animal. It has the head of beast, but the tail of a fish, and its body from neck to tail is the body of a fish. Its head is turned towards the north pole.

Al-furas al-awwal (the first horse; Equuleus): It has four dark [obscure] stars. Its form is that of the

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9 The phrase ‘and the other towards the equator’ is omitted in copies D, B, and M.
10 Ra’s al-ghūl is the name of major star in the constellation Perseus (β Persei, Algol), which in this context is being used as a name for the entire constellation. The common Arabic name for Perseus was hāmil al-ra’s (the bearer of the head). A version of the Greek name for Perseus, περσερός, has been written by a later reader above the line giving the name Ra’s al-ghūl, in an attempt to clarify the identification.
11 A confusion has arisen here, for al-multahīb was given a few lines above, and in the diagram opening Chapter One, as the name of the constellation Cepheus, and other sources record that it was an alternative name for Cepheus. It is not known to be associated with Perseus.
12 Here the name of the brightest star in the constellation Auriga, al-‘aqqūf (α Aurigae, Capella), has been given to the entire constellation. The use of al-‘aqqūf for the constellation is not known to occur elsewhere, except for manuscripts of the al-Hājāj translation of the Almagest where it reads: mumsik al-‘anān wa-huwa al-‘aqqūf wa-yusamnā bi-l-rūmīyah anīkhus (Kunitzsch 1974, 182). Thus, the al-Hājāj tradition of the Almagest provides the same three names given here: al-‘aqqūf, mumsik al-‘inān (or al-‘anān, the Arabic name for Auriga), and anīkhus, from the Greek Ἀυρίγας.
13 The use of the term al-‘anazah for the constellation of Sagitta is known only in manuscripts of the al-Hājāj translation of the Almagest, which read: istuṣ = [Ωίστός] wa-yusamnā bi-l-‘arabīyah al-‘anazah wa-huwa al-nawl (Kunitzsch 1974, 184). Al-Hājāj provides the Arabic name al-‘anazah as well as an alternative name al-nawl (the weaving loom), which he took from the “old” translation of the Almagest that predated his translation. Thus the writing of al-nok is possibly an error for the Arabic term al-nawāl. In the opening diagram of Chapter One, the constellation is spelt al-ghūl, another likely corruption of al-nawāl. On the other hand, the name al-nok, or al-nawk, is from the Persian meaning a pointed tip or a nib, and it is mentioned by al-Bīrūnī (d. 440/1048) as one of the alternative names for Sagitta (Biruni 1934, 71 sect. 160). The common Arabic name for Sagitta was al-sahm (the arrow), and our author employs the latter in the entry for Aquila that follows this entry.
14 The name of the brightest star in the constellation—al-nasr al-tā’īr (a Aquilae, Altair)—is equated with the entire constellation of Aquila.
15 In copies D, B, and M this constellation is illustrated with a drawing of a javelin; it is the only constellation in the chapter that is illustrated with anything other than strings of meaningless dots.
16 Here again the name of the brightest star in Aquila (al-nasr al-tā’īr, a Aquilae) is equated with the entire constellation. In this, the author again follows the al-Hājāj translation of the Almagest.
head of a horse. The Arabs call it ra’s al-nāqah (the head of the she-camel). Its mouth is open, and it faces the north pole.

Al-faras al-thānī (the second horse; Pegasus): It has twenty stars and the form of a winged horse. Its head is turned towards the north pole and faces it. One of its wings is in front, while the other is behind it, in the direction of the equator. Its front half is in ‘the leather bucket’, while its back half is amongst the stars of ‘the leather bucket’ that are in ‘the fish’.  

Al-mar’ah allatī lam tara ba’lan (the woman who never married; Andromeda): It has thirty-three stars. It looks like a woman with two locks of hair, sitting, with visible hands, legs and limbs. Kaff al-khaḍīb (the dyed hand) is found in it; it is the most luminous of the three stars found above her side. Her head is turned towards the West and the legs are towards the East.

Al-muthallath (the triangle; Triangulum): Its stars are four in number. It looks like the shape of an equilateral and equiangular triangle.

The total number of northern stars is three hundred and forty.

The names of the southern constellations:

Qayṭūs (Cetus), also known as sab’ al-bahr (a beast of the sea): It has twenty-two stars and looks like an ox, with large ears but without horns. It has the tail of a fish and a mane. Its head faces al-butayn (Lunar Mansion II) in the direction of the South-East. Its tail is in the middle of the fish. Its hands are conspicuous.

Al-jabbār (the giant; Orion): It has twenty-eight stars. Its form is that of a man standing, facing South, and girded with a sword. In the hand facing East he holds an axe resembling an iron-bar. In the other hand he holds a dawraq. Ptolemy called this dawraq that is in his hand a jīld (an animal skin).

One of his legs is close to the head of the al-kalb al-thānī (the second dog; Canis Major), while his other leg is on the head of al-nahr (the river; Eridanus). Al-mīrzin is on his leg.

Al-nahr (the river; Eridanus): It has thirty-four stars. It looks like a serpent that begins at the western foot of al-jawzá’ (Orion), which is also the end of the [sign of] Taurus, then continues through the centre of [the sign of] Aries, where it curves back towards the centre of [the sign of] Taurus. Its end resembles a fish, just touching the edge of [the sign of] Aries towards the South.

Al-arnab (the hare; Lepus): It has twelve stars. It looks like a hare under the giant’s (Orion’s) leg, the one in which the stars of al-mīrzin are found.

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17 One of the Bedouin stellar traditions envisioned a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The head of this she-camel was usually aligned with three stars in Andromeda (see Andromedae). Its association with the constellation Equuleus is otherwise unattested.

18 This last sentence reflects a traditional Bedouin group of constellations. The leather bucket (al-dahw) was the traditional name for the square formed by the four bright stars in the constellation Pegasus, forming the modern asterism called the ‘Square of Pegasus’ (αβγδ Pegasi). The early Bedouin conception of this region of the sky envisioned a large fish over what we now view as Andromeda. Thus the reference to some of the ‘posterior’ stars being in ‘the fish’, refers to stars shared between regions occupied by Pegasus and Andromeda. The word dahw is an attempt to render the Greek word δορά (meaning a skin removed from an animal), and it might be that the word dahw was an attempt to render the Greek word δερά (meaning a skin removed from an animal), which has many meanings, including a mole and a field-rat, but not appropriate to this context. The word khalit must surely be an error for jīld (a skin or hide of an animal) that was used in all the translations of the Almagest to render the Greek δερά, meaning a skin that has been removed from an animal (Kunitzsch 1974, 312 nos. 298 and 300).

20 However, it is not found in Andromeda. The star-name Kaff al-khadib refers to five stars in the constellation of Cassiopeia (βγδε Cassiopeiae) that form the well-known W-shaped asterism. A corruption of the text has occurred at this point; all four manuscripts have identical readings.

21 Qayṭūs is a transliteration of its name from Greek mythology. Κητος. The alternative name of sab’ al-bahr also occurs in the al-Hajjaj translation of the Almagest (Kunitzsch 1974, 194).

22 This obscure statement appears to represent the fact that the tail of Cetus is just to the south of the westernmost of the two fishes forming the constellation of Pisces.

23 A dawraq, in Egypt, was a narrow-necked drinking bottle, made of a porous earth, used for cooling beverages through evaporation (Lane 1863, 873). Its use in this context is curious, and it might be that the word dawraq was an attempt to render the Greek word δεφά (meaning a skin removed from an animal), that Ptolemy in the Almagest used for the item held by Orion.

24 The word is precisely written in all copies as khulūd, which has many meanings, including a mole and a field-rat, but not appropriate to this context. The word khulūd must surely be an error for jīld (a skin or hide of an animal) that was used in all the translations of the Almagest to render the Greek δεφά, meaning a skin that has been removed from an animal (Kunitzsch 1974, 312 nos. 298 and 300).

25 Al-mīrzin (the companion) is a large star in Canis Major (β Canis Majoris) which in traditional Arab nomenclature was considered the ‘companion’ of Sirius. It is actually on the upper front paw of the dog, just under (not on) the western foot of Orion.

26 Al-jawzá’ is an alternative name for the constellation of Orion reflecting the traditional Bedouin delineation of the skies. In the translation of al-Hajjaj of the Almagest Orion is defined as al-jabbār wa-huwa al-jawzá’ (the giant, that is al-jawzá’); Kunitzsch 1974, 194–6.

27 That is to say, the longitude of the start (head) of Eridanus is at the eastern limit of the sign of Taurus.

28 At this point, with the end of the entry for Eridanus, the text in copies D, B, and M breaks off.
Al-kalb al-aṣghar (the lesser dog; Canis Minor): 29
It has eighteen stars. It looks like a dog, standing with feet on the beginning of [the sign of] Cancer, while the remainder of its body is in Cancer. The tip of its tail is in [the sign of] Cancer at ten degrees. 30 It is standing upright, with its snout pointed towards the West while the rest of its body faces the south pole. On its neck is the star al-shiʿrā al-ghumayṣā (‘Sirius shedding tears’, α Canis Minoris; Procyon), 31 also known as [al-shiʿrā] al-shaʾmīyah (the northern Sirius), while on its thigh, near the base of the tail, is [al-shiʿrā] al-yamāniyah (the southern ‘sirius’), is in its mouth.

Al-kalb al-akbar (the greater dog; Canis Major): 33
It has eighteen stars. It looks like a dog standing on its legs at the beginning of [the sign of] Cancer and facing South. Half of its body is in Cancer. The star al-shiʿrā al-aḥbār, 34 also known as al-yamāniyah (the southern ‘sirius’), is in its mouth.

Al-safīnah (the ship; Argo Navis): It has forty-five stars. It looks like a ship, with a rudder, an oar, a sail and a stern. It stretches from [the sign of] Cancer at twenty-one degrees to [the sign of] Virgo at twenty degrees. 35 The bottom part of the ship faces toward the south pole, while its top and sail face the equator. Suhayl (Canopus; α Carinae) is on the tip of the rudder.

Al-ṣhuja (the large snake; Hydra): It has twenty-five stars. It looks like a serpent that stretches from the middle of [the sign of] Cancer up to [the sign of] Libra at twenty degrees, 36—that is, up to the head of the man mounted on a horse with a falcon and a spear in his hand, pointing with it to the leg of the beast [the constellations Centaurus and Lupus]. The tail of this serpent rests on the head of that man. His [the Centaur’s] face and the back of the serpent are turned towards the equator, while the head of the serpent faces the south pole. Its head is towards the East and its tail towards the West. 37

Al-ka’s (the cup; Crater): 38 It has seven stars. It looks like an Abbasid goblet (al-aqdaḥ al-‘abbāsīyah), with a double top and bottom. The bottom of the cup protrudes onto the body of Hydra. The top of the cup is inclined to the West, 39 under the wing of al-ghurāb (Corvus). The bottom is towards the south pole. It looks tilted, not upright and levelled. The cup begins in Virgo at thirteen degrees. 40 It is upside down, its top towards the bottom and its bottom turned upwards. 41

Al-ghurāb (the raven; Corvus): It has seven stars. It has the form of a black raven with beak, head, and wings. Its beak begins in Hydra, while the edge of its tail is on the first of the lines [defining the sign] of Libra. 42 Its face and legs are turned towards

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29 The text has become corrupted at this point, with sentences between this and the subsequent entry transposed. Although the title is given as Canis Minor, the first part of this entry (printed in small caps) refers to Canis Major, which should have been here in the customary sequence of constellations. The second part of the entry, however, applies to Canis Minor (which has only two stars) rather than to Canis Major.

30 That is to say, the tail of Canis Major is on the ecliptic-latitude-measuring circle passing through 10° sign of Cancer.

31 The stars described here are in Canis Minor rather than Canis Major. The name of the star al-shiʿrā al-ghumayṣā (Sirius shining tears) derives from a Bedouin legend regarding the brightest star in the heavens, sirius (α Canis Majoris). There were said to be two Sirius, both sisters of Canopus (suhayl) who had married the very large giant al-jaʾwās. The northern Sirius was the star Procyon in the constellation Canis Minor (α Canis Minoris). The southern Sirius was the star in Canis Major which we today call Sirius. The southern Sirius was called al-shiʿrā al-ʿabūr (the Sirius passing over) because it was said to cross the Milky Way southward toward Canopus when fleeing toward the South after injuring al-jaʾwās. The northern Sirius (Procyon) was called al-shiʿrā al-ghumayṣā (the Sirius shining tears) because it had to remain behind.

32 The name of the second star is missing, but since the constellation of Canis Minor has only two stars, the second must be mirzam al-shiʿrā al-ghumayṣā (β Canis Minoris). However, the positions are reversed from the customary depiction, which has mirzam al-jiwaʿ instead of Canopus on the neck and Procyon on the thigh.

33 This entry in concerned solely with Canis Major, although Canis Minor is the usual constellation in the normal sequence.

34 ‘The Sirius passing over’, α Canis Majoris (Sirius), also called the ‘southern Sirius’.

35 That is to say, the constellation extends from an ecliptic-latitude-measuring circle passing through 20° sign of Cancer to another such circle passing through 20° sign of Virgo.

36 That is to say, the constellation extends from an ecliptic-latitude-measuring circle passing through about 15° sign of Cancer to another such circle passing through 20° sign of Libra.

37 This is an error, for the head of Hydra faces the West, while its tail points toward the East.

38 The term al-ka’s for the constellation Crater occurs in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy’s Almagest made by al-Ḥajjāj. The usual name for this constellation was būṭyāḥ (a jar) or al-maʿlaf (the manger).

39 This is an error, for it inclines toward the East, toward Corvus.

40 That is to say, the westernmost part of the constellation begins from an ecliptic-latitude-measuring circle passing through about 15° sign of Virgo.

41 On some celestial globes, Crater is shown inverted in this manner (Savage-Smith 1985, 202), while in the published edition of ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī it is depicted as upright (‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, fig. 41).

42 The phrase ‘the first of the lines of Libra’ may refer to one of the two ecliptic-latitude-measuring circles (at right angles to the ecliptic) that define the area of stars whose longitude falls within the sign of Libra. This would suggest that the author (or his source) was working from a celestial globe, where these lines would be evident. The use of celestial globe would also account for the subsequent confusion of directions of the compass. It is correct that its beak overlaps with Hydra.
the East, while its back and beak to the South. It is positioned horizontally rather than standing upright.

Quanṭirās (Centaurus): It has thirty-seven stars. It has the form of a man mounted on horse. In one hand he holds a falcon and in the other a spear, which he has directed towards the forelegs of al-sabʿ (the wild beast; Lupus), aiming at it. The other hand is on Lupus’ leg, as if he wants to make it turn towards him. His face is turned to the East, and its supporting legs [?] towards the pole. The tail of the horse points towards the pole, in a straight line [?].

The man and the spear are in [the sign of] Libra, while the tip of the spear protrudes into the sign of Scorpio. One of the horse’s forelegs, down from its thigh, is also in [the sign of] Scorpio.

Al-sabʿ (the wild beast; Lupus): It has nineteen stars. It looks like a lynx (fahd). Its tail faces the East, its head faces the equator, with the tip of its tail toward the south pole and toward the bor-

der of [the sign of] Libra. Its ear and its head face qalb al-ʿaqrab (the heart of the scorpion, α Scorpions; Antares). Its claws cut through the Milky Way (al-majarrah). Its leg, held by Centaurus, is drawn up to its belly. Only one of its fore-legs and one of its hind-legs are visible. It is inclined between North and South. The star at the extremity of its back is the one with the greatest latitude.

Al-mijmarah (the incense burner; Ara): It has seven stars. Its top is turned towards the south pole, slightly inclined towards the West. Its supporting legs are turned towards the equator, slightly inclined, and extend up to seven degrees in [the sign of] Sagittarius. It has three supporting legs, one of them attached to the fourth joint of Scorpio’s [tail].

Al-iktīl al-janūbi (the southern mouth; Corona Australis): It has thirteen stars. Its shape is round, with two protrusions pointing toward the West and toward the middle of the legs of Ara. The crown (Corona Australis) is positioned between the [front] legs of the horse [Sagittarius], as if encircled by them. Its form is compounded, with its lines twisted around each other. It is occupies ten degrees in [the sign of] Sagittarius.

Fam al-ḥūt al-janūbi (the mouth of the southern fish; Piscis Austrinus): Its head is turned towards the West, and the edge of its fin up to the base of its tail is turned eastwards, while the tail faces the south pole. It is slightly bent in the middle. It extends from its tail at twenty-five degrees in [the sign of] Capricorn up to eighteen degrees in [the sign of] Aquarius. Its tail is swallowed up by a serpent. It has the form of a fish with a spine on its back, a wing, and a tail. Its stars are eleven in number.

The total of the southern stars is three hundred and sixteen stars.
The magnitude of the stars

There are 15 stars of the first magnitude, each 107 times the magnitude of Earth.
There are 45 stars of the second magnitude, each 90 times the magnitude of Earth.
There are 208 stars of the third magnitude, each 72 times the magnitude of Earth.
There are 474 stars of the fourth magnitude, each 54 times the magnitude of Earth.

There are 217 stars of the fifth magnitude, each 36 times the magnitude of Earth.
There are 63 stars of the sixth magnitude, each 18 times the magnitude of Earth.

The stars seen by the prophet Yūsuf (Joseph), may the peace and the blessings of God be upon him, in his dream: These are j-r-y-a-n, al-tāriq, al-riʾāl, qābis, ‘m-w-r-a-n, f-n-l-q, al-muṣbah, dhū al-farʾ, r-y-a-b, dhū al-nakafayn, a-lṣ-w-d-h, the Sun, and the Moon.

56 A later reader has used the margins of copy A to add up various sums, possibly in an attempt to check the total number of stars provided in the text.

57 A tradition concerning the stars seen by Joseph is related by several other (non-astronomical) sources, in particular in commentaries on Qurʾān 12:4 and in collections of hadith. The star-names vary slightly in the different accounts, but none can be aligned with any stars recognised today.

58 The reading j-r-y-a-n is confirmed by Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485, and Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76); the variant kh-r-t-a-n is given by Dhahabi 1963, 1:572.

59 Written without diacritical dots, the name is likely to be al-rʾāl (the young ostriches), a name applied to a star-group in both Chapter Five and Chapter Nine. For a variant name a-l-dḥ-y-y-a-l given this star seen by Joseph, see Tabari 1969, 15555 (no. 18780), Dhahabi 1963, 1:572, and Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76), and for the variant a-l-d-y-a-l, see Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485.

60 For variant ‘m-w-d-a-n, see Tabari 1969, 15555 (no. 18780), Dhahabi 1963, 1:572, and Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76), and for ‘m-w-d-h-a-n, see Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485.

61 For variant al-falīq, see Tabari 1969, 15555 (no. 18780) and Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76), and for the variant al-faylaq, see Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485, and Dhahabi 1963, 1:572.

62 For the variant dhū al-fargh, see Tabari 1969, 15555 (no. 18780) and Dhahabi 1963, 1:572, and for the variant al-farʿ unmodified, see Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76).

63 For variant w-th-a-b, see Tabari 1969, 15555 (no. 18780), Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485, Dhahabi 1963, 1:572, and Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76).

64 For variant dhū al-katifayn (possessor of two shoulder-blades), see Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76), for variant al-katifan, see Dhahabi 1963, 1:572, and for variant dhū al-kanafīt (possessor of wings), see Tabari 19690, 15555 (no. 18780) and Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485.

65 For variant al-durūh, see Tabari 1969, 15555 (no. 18780), Baydawi (Beeston 1963, 76) and Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485, and for variant al-surūh, see Dhahabi 1963, 1:572.
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<th>Their temperaments6</th>
<th>The natures of their influences</th>
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<td>[9 Erāndi]7 ([[longitude] in Sign of Aries])</td>
<td>b-s-k-n-h</td>
<td>Temperament</td>
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<td>[002]</td>
<td>The right side of al-jadhmāʾ [= al-khaḍīb ?]</td>
<td>[β Persei ?]8</td>
<td>[[Persian name] k-n-a-r</td>
<td>Temperament</td>
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<td>[003]</td>
<td>Al-dabarān (The follower)—that is, the eye of al-thawr [α Tauri]9 ([[longitude] in sign of Gemini])</td>
<td>[Persian name] s-k-d-w-l</td>
<td>Temperament</td>
<td>Mars and Venus</td>
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<tr>
<td>[004]</td>
<td>The star on the left foot of the giant</td>
<td>[β Orionis]10</td>
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2 See fig. 1.3 (p. 267) for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets. The rows are read from right to left across the two columns. See the Glossary of Star-Names for the sources used to identify star-names, as well as various interpretations of a given name and its use elsewhere in the treatise. We gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Professor Paul Kunitzsch in identifying many of the star-names.

3 The ‘degree of one of the two luminaries’ means that the star is very close to (in ‘conjunction’ with) one of these two, either the Sun or the Moon.

4 Over the Arabic name given in the first column, an annotation has often been added. This is the name of the zodiacal sign in which the longitude of the star would have been expressed in the ecliptic-based system of coordinates in use at this time.

5 The ‘Persian’ names for these stars are in some instances similar to Pahlavi names given in similar lists of Hermetic stars; see Kunitzsch 2001. For further speculation as to the interpretation of a ‘Persian’ name, see the Glossary of Star-Names under the relevant form of the name given here.

6 In the column labelled ‘their temperaments’ the copyist omitted the qualifying adjective, such as ‘favourable’ or ‘unfavourable’ with the result that all entries in this column read merely ‘temperament’.

7 This is not the star today named Achernar (the end of the river), which is α Eridani, the ninth brightest star of the heavens. Rather, it is β Eridani, a double star today called Acamar. In Ptolemy’s day, α Eridani would not have been visible to an observer north of the geographical latitude of 23° 1/2’.

8 The sequence of star-names in the table given in Chapter Four would suggest that this is intended to be β Persei (Algol), since that star is included in similar lists of Hermetic stars. Moreover, in these other lists β Persei is assigned the same temperament as given for this star. The word al-jadhmāʾ is a short form of the star-name al-kaff al-jadhmāʾ (the cut-off hand), referring to four stars in Cetus (λβγδ Ceti). Since this star-group is far away from Perseus, the word is likely an error for al-khāḍīb (al-kaff al-khaḍīb, the dyed hand), the well-known W-shaped asterism in Cassiopeia (βγδε Cassiopeiae), just above the head of Perseus. The significance of the ‘right side’ in this context is unclear. The star α Persei is positioned within the constellation of Perseus on his right diaphragm, but it is β Persei, and not a Persei, that is included in similar lists of thirty bright stars.

9 The largest star on the head of the constellation Taurus is the thirteenth brightest star in the heavens, and its ‘modern’ name Aldebaran is derived from the Arabic name. A common alternative name was ‘the eye of the bull’.

10 Rigel, the seventh brightest star in the skies.

11 Bellotrix.

12 Capella. The star called ‘ayyūq in Arabic is the sixth brightest star in the heavens. The word al-ʿayyūq is clearly a mistake for al-ʿanţ (the goat), a common Arabic name for this star. The meaning of the Arabic word al-ʿaʾyūq is uncertain. The Persian name is also given as the Persian name of the star entry two above [no. 004], and it is possible that its repetition is a scribal error.

13 ε Orionis is the middle star of the three making up the famous ‘belt of Orion’ (δζ Ω Orionis).

[009] The shoulder of the one holding the rein [β Aurigae] | [Persian name] q-l-r | Temperament | Jupiter and Saturn

[010] The larger dog—that is, the southern shiʿrā [α Canis Majoris]¹⁵ ([(longitude) in Sign of Gemini]) | [Persian name] sh-h-a-r | Temperament | Jupiter and Mars

[011] The head of the foremost twin [α Geminorum]¹⁶ ([(longitude) in Sign of Gemini]) | [Persian name] s-r-d-b [or, s-r-d-t] | Temperament | Jupiter and Mercury

[012] The head of the rear twin¹⁷ ([(longitude) in the Sign of Gemini]) | [Persian name] a-l-gh-a-f-d | Temperament | Jupiter and Saturn


[014] The throat of the serpent [α Hydrae]¹⁹ ([(longitude) in the Sign of Leo]) | [Persian name] a-l-m-t-q-h | Temperament | Mars and Jupiter

[015] The heart of the lion [α Leonis]²⁰ ([(longitude) in Sign of Leo]) | [Persian name] sh-m-a-kh | Temperament | Mars and Jupiter


[017] The tail of the lion—that is, al-sarfah [β Leonis]²² | [Persian name] m-r-s-q | Temperament | Saturn and Venus

[018] The unarmed simak [α Virginis]²³ ([(longitude) in the Sign of Libra]) | [Persian name] t-l-h-m | Temperament | Mars and Jupiter

[019] The northern crown—that is, the bright star of al-fakkah [α Coronae Borealis]²⁴ | [Persian name] sh-w-r-r | Temperament | Venus and Mercury

[020] The claw—that is, the second [star] in the scorpion [β Librae]²⁵ | [Persian name] s-r-h-w-b | Temperament | Jupiter and Mercury

[021] The right foot in the horse [α Centauri]²⁶ | [Persian name] b-t-y-k-h | Temperament | Venus and Jupiter

[022] The heart of the scorpion [α Scorpii]²⁷ ([(longitude) in the Sign of Scorpio]) | [Persian name] h-m-y-l-x | Temperament | Mars and Jupiter

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¹⁴ Betelgeuse, the twelfth brightest star in the heavens.
¹⁵ Siriu, the brightest star in the entire sky. The Arabic means ‘the southern shiʿrā’, from the traditional legend of two Siris: Siriu the southern shiʿrā in the Larger Dog and Procyon the northern shiʿrā in the Lesser Dog, who were sisters of Canopus (suha-y) who had married the huge giant al-jawza’.
¹⁶ Castor, the star in the head of the westernmost twin forming part of the constellation of Gemini. The final letter of the ‘Persian’ name is ambiguous.
¹⁷ ³ Geminorum (Pollux), the star in the face of the eastern twin forming half of the constellation of Gemini.
¹⁸ Procyon, the eighth brightest star. The author (or copyist) has made an error and written al-yamāniyah (southern) rather than al-shaʿmīyah (northern). The ‘southern’ shiʿrā is listed amongst the stars in the left-hand column of this table.
¹⁹ Alphard. ‘Abd al-Rahman al-Suḥi said that the most conspicuous star in the constellation Hydra was written on astrolobes as “unas al-shuʿay” (the throat of the serpent) and this same name appears on some celestial globes.
²⁰ Regulus, a prominent first-magnitude star in the constellation Leo.
²¹ A star on the rump of the constellation Leo. The name matn al-asad is unusual; a more common name for it was zahr al-asad, also meaning ‘the back of the lion’.
²² Denebola; the modern name comes from the Arabic dhunub al-asad, meaning ‘the tail of the lion’. The author of this table has equated the star with Lunar Mansion XII, named sarfah.
²³ Spica, a star in the constellation Virgo that is the fifteenth most brilliant star in the sky. The ‘unarmed simāk’ in Virgo gave its name to Lunar Mansion XIV.
²⁴ Alphecca. The Arabic al-iklīl al-shaʿmī ‘the northern crown’ is a rendering of the original Greek title for Corona Borealis. The common traditional Arabic name for the constellation was al-fakkah, whose meaning is obscure, but could mean a break or gap, possibly in a plate or dish. Nayir al-fakkah means ‘the bright star of al-fakkah,’ referring to the brightest and largest star of the constellation, today known as Alphecca. The temperament is here Venus and Mercury, while in the comparable Hermetic lists it is Jupiter and Mars.
²⁵ A large star in the constellation of Libra. In antiquity the constellation now known as Libra was seen as the two claws of a scorpion, with Scorpio and Libra essentially combined into one constellation. Our author is incorrect in identifying this star as ‘the second’ in the scorpion, for that would be ³ Scorpii, while similar lists of Hermetic stars clearly identify this with ³ Librae (see Kunitzsch 2001, 35).
²⁶ The third brightest in the skies, whose modern name, Rigil Kent, is derived from the usual Arabic name rīj al-qintūras meaning ‘the foot of the Centaur’. The term given here is unusual, but a comparison with other fragments suggests that a Centauri is the correct interpretation. The star is on the right foremost foot of the half-human, half-horse centaur.
²⁷ Antares. The Arabic name for the bright red star of Antares also became the name for Lunar Mansion XVIII. The last letter of the ‘Persian’ name is undotted and uncertain.
²⁸ The letter ‘x’ is here (and elsewhere below) used to indicate a letter that lacked diacritical dots and could be interpreted in any number of ways.
[023] The archer’s tendon [Sagittarii] 29 | [Persian name] m-m-ʿ-a-n | Temperament | Jupiter and Saturn


[026] The mouth of the southern fish—and it is called the hip (al-warik) [Piscis Austrini] 32 | [Persian name] m-k-l-th-m | Temperament | Venus and Mercury

[027] The tail of the bird [Cygni] 33 | [Persian name] k-r-r-n-sh | Temperament | Venus and Mercury

[028] The shoulder of the horse [Pegasi] 34 | [Persian name] m-s-t-h-ṣ-x | Temperament | Mars and Mercury

[029] The one called The Head of the Woman [Andromedae] 35 | [Persian name] h-x-a-d-l | Temperament | Mars and Mercury

[030] … | … | Temperament | …

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29 The modern star-name Arkab is from the Arabic name ʿurqūb al-rāmī, meaning ‘the archer’s tendon’.
30 Vega, a star in the constellation Lyra that is the fifth brightest star of the heavens. The most common identification of the Arabic name is with this single, very bright, star.
31 A star in the constellation Aquila, the eleventh brightest star in the heavens. The ‘modern’ name Altair is from the Arabic name here, al-nasr al-ṭāʾir, meaning ‘the flying eagle’.
32 The modern star-name Fomalhaut comes from the Arabic meaning ‘the mouth of the southern fish’. It is the eighteenth brightest star and now numbered in the constellation of the Southern Fish, Piscis Austrinus. The second name given here, al-warik, meaning ‘the hip’, is out of place in this context. The word al-warik occurs at only one point in the Arabic version of the Almagest and that is in Aquarius, where it is used for the fifteenth and sixteenth stars in that constellation, which are on the right and left hips of the water-carrier (see Kunitzsch 1974).
33 A star in the constellation Cygnus, whose ‘modern’ name Deneb is from the Arabic meaning ‘tail’.
34 The final letter in the ‘Persian’ name is uncertain.
35 A star shared between the head of the constellation Andromeda and the belly of the constellation of Pegasus.
36 The star-name is missing, with the cell left blank; all cells are blank except the one labelled ‘temperament (mizāj)’.
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<td>[013]</td>
<td>al-hajar (?) (the rock)</td>
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<td>[014]</td>
<td>al-āsah (the myrtle)</td>
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<td>[015]</td>
<td>awlād al-dībā’ (the offspring of the hyenas)</td>
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<td>[017]</td>
<td>baldat al-tha’lab (the place of the fox)</td>
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<tr>
<td>[018]</td>
<td>al-hulbah (the coarse hair; Coma Berenices)</td>
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Ptolemy refers to it only as a lock of hair, not mentioning Berenice. In the Arab Bedouin tradition the asterism was called al-hulbah, meaning also ‘hair’. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī said of it: “the common people call these stars collectively “the ripe grain of wheat” (al-sunbulah), and many of the followers of the anwā’ reckon that the House of Virgo is called al-sunbulah for these stars, because its stars resemble al-sunbulah through their compactness and large number.” (‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī 1954, 182). Curiously, however, the asterism is here indicated only by a single star.

22 Unidentified star-group. Apparently two of the stars forming the asterism of Coma Berenices. The name has not been found in other recorded sources; it could also be read as al-lanā‘a.

23 Unidentified star-group. Apparently three of the stars forming the asterism of Coma Berenices. The name in association with this asterism has not been found in other recorded sources.

24 Unidentified star. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.

25 ρσ2απ2δον Ursa Majoris (?). Five stars in the constellation Ursa Major were viewed as forming gazelles, and five are illustrated here. Sometimes three additional stars in the area were included in this Bedouin image of gazelles running before a lion. The banāt na’sh, in this context, are those in Ursa Major (ηξ Υ Ursae Majoris).

26 Twin stars in each of the three prominently depicted feet of Ursa Major were identified as representing the leaps of the gazelles in the Bedouin constellation (i.e., χ ιυ μ ξ Υ Ursae Majoris). Only one pair of stars is illustrated here.

27 Flam. 10 Leonis Minoris; Flam. 31 Lyncis (?). Ibn Qutaybah says that the offspring (awlād) of gazelles are small stars between the gazelles themselves and their ‘leaps’. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī aligns these with numbers 5 through 8 of the unformed (external) stars of Ursa Major. Only two stars are depicted in the table.

28 Uncertain identification. Star groups called ‘the cows’ are described by anwā’-authors as being in various positions. Ibn Qutaybah says that opposite the star al-dabarān (α Tauri, Aldebaran) there are stars called ‘the cows’, and this description is closest to that given here. Others say that ‘the cows’ are stars to the right of the ‘cut-off hand’ (al-kaff al-yadmih) of the large woman named al-thurayya—stars envisioned in the area of the constellation Cetus, probably equivalent to τ η ζ ξ ζ ζ Ceti. In this table, the star group is illustrated with three stars grouped together in a triangle with a solitary star alongside.
[026] al-mustahiqqat (the deserving ones). 29 Between al-fargadân (the two calves, by Ursae Minoris) and the ‘daughters of the bier’ (ξς Ursae Majoris). [3 stars]

[027] awlād al-dībā’ (the offspring of the hyenas). 30 [4 stars]

[028] al-dībā’ (the hyenas): 31 Repeated. [4 stars]

[029] al-hayy [?]: 32 Below in the body of the crab (Cancer). [1 star]

[030] al-kabîd (the liver): 33 In the lion. [2 stars]

[031] taslîm al-asad (the submission of the lion): 34 Between the ‘liver’ and the ‘daughters of the bier’ (banât ma’sh, ξς Ursae Majoris). [3 stars]

[032] al-sâqî (the cupbearer?): 35 To the right of al-fakkah (Corona Borealis). [3 stars]


[034] al-kâsâs (the gap): 37 A red star immediately after ‘the hand’. [1 star]


[036] al-mânkib (the shoulder): 39 Immediately after ‘the elbow’. [4 stars]

[037] al-‘âtiq (the shoulder-blade): 40 [Longitude] in sign of Aries, before the ‘shoulder’. [1 star]

[038] al-murjiyîf (the one spreading alarming news): 41 Immediately after the ‘shoulder-blade’. [2 stars]

[039] al-‘âyyâq (Capella): 42 And it is called ‘the southern one’ (al-yamâniyâh). [1 star]

[040] al-rijîl (the foot): 43 And it is under the Milky Way (al-majarrâh). [3 stars]

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29 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with a row of three stars. Al-fargadân is identified with ξς Ursae Minoris, and the banât ma’sh with ξς Ursae Majoris.

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32 Unidentified. The name as written has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with two stars. It possibly is a variation of the star-name al-hayy. Authors of anwâ—treatises spoke of stars between the two ‘calves’ (fargadân, ξς Ursae Minoris) and the ‘daughters of the bier’ (banât ma’sh, ξς Ursae Majoris) as being the ‘serpent’ (al-fakkah). ’Abd al-Rahmân al-Sûfî identified these as four stars in the constellation Draco (αλ. Draconis). Only two stars, however, are illustrated here, and they are stated to be below Cancer. The name al-hayy is also the name of the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Serpents, the Serpent Charmer’s Serpent, consisting of 8 stars.

33 Flam. 12, α Cassiopeiae (?). The star-name ‘the liver of the lion’ reflects the Bedouin image of a very large lion chasing a gazelle, and not the modern constellation of Leo. ’Abd al-Rahmân al-Sûfî identified the ‘liver of the lion’ with one of the two unformed stars beneath the tail of Ursa Major. It is here illustrated with 2 stars.

34 Unidentified. According to the information provided, this star group would be beneath the tail and near the rump of Ursa Major. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with 3 stars.

35 Unidentified. A group of three stars said to be to the right of the constellation Corona Borealis, a ring of eight stars that in the Bedouin tradition was call al-fakkah. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.

36 By Cassiopeiae, the well-known W-shaped asterism. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyâh), whose hand of her right arm was visualised as spreading out towards Cassiopeia, with the fingers represented by the asterism.

37 Uncertain identification. The name al-kâsâs is sometimes also (as here) written in other sources without dots (al-kâsâs). It appears to refer to one star in the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyâh), whose hand of her right arm was visualised as spreading out towards Cassiopeia. Here it is illustrated with a single star. In Chapter Nine, however, it is stated that ‘the gap’ is one of the stars in the constellation Triangulum.

38 α Persei. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyâh), with the elbow of her outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. The star-name appears customarily to refer to a single star, but here it is illustrated with two stars. When stating the location of the star, the copyist inadvertently wrote that it was in al-mijmarrah, the constellation Ara, rather than al-majarrâh, the Milky Way.

39 ξ Persei and three other stars (?). The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyâh), with the elbow of her outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. It is usually associated with only a single star (ξ Persei), but Ibn Qutaybah said it was two, while here it is illustrated with four stars in a semicircle.

40 α Persei or ξ Persei. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyâh), with her shoulder and outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. Ibn Qutaybah speaks of a single, not very bright, star, while ‘Abd al-Rahmân al-Sûfî and others identify the shoulder-blade with two stars in the constellation of Perseus. Here it is represented with a single star.

41 Uncertain identification; possibly 1 Aurigae or e Persei. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyâh), with her shoulder and outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. According to ‘Abd al-Rahmân al-Sûfî, anwâ—authors stated that between the ‘shoulder-blade’ of al-thurayyâh (usually 1 Persei) and al-‘âyyâq (Capella, 2 Aurigae) there were two stars under the Milky Way, one named al-murjiyîf and the other named al-birjis. In this table, the star-name is illustrated with two stars. This star-name might also be read as al-t-m-r-h-f.

42 α Aurigae (Capella). The star called ‘âyyâq in Arabic is the sixth brightest star in the heavens. The second name given here of al-yamâniyâh has not been found in other recorded sources referring to Capella and must be an error of the copyist.

43 τ Aurigae (?). It is likely, given the sequence of stars in this table, that ri’il al-‘âyyâq (the foot of ‘âyyâq) was intended. ‘Abd al-Rahmân al-Sûfî, as well as Ibn Qutaybah, said that below al-‘âyyâq (α Aurigae, Capella) there was a star that was called ri’il al-‘âyyâq, and this has been aligned with the modern
For this asterism was there are four stars called Al-ʿawāʾīd (the camel-mothers), 47 To the right of al-nasr al-wāqiʿ (the falling eagle). 48 A star under the ‘camel-mothers’ (al-ʿawāʾīd). [1 star] 49 al-dībāʾ (the hyenas). 49 [4 stars] 50 al-salāb (the cross). 50 Near al-nasr al-tāʾîr (the flying eagle). [4 stars] 51 al-tamāṭḥīl (the statues/idols). 51 After al-nasr al-tāʾîr (the flying eagle). [7 stars]


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44 The intended star-group, illustrated by a ring of eight stars, is uncertain. The name al-nasq was applied to two different groups of stars, one usually called ‘the northern row’ (al-nasq al-shaʾmī) and the other ‘the southern row’ (al-nasq al-yamānī). The former consisted of two stars in the serpent carried by Serpantarius (Ophiuchus), nine stars across the arm of Hercules, and two stars in Lyra. The latter was aligned with four stars in Serpens and ten in Serpentarius. The area between these two rows of stars was sometimes called ‘the meadow’ (al-rawdah) and was said to be devoid of stars.

47 The ‘horsemen’ envisioned in the area of the constellation Cygnus, the Bedouin design was of four horsemen formed of the four stars across the wings of the bird (Lyrae). A red star behind (the follower, al-rīḍf) represented by the very large star at the base of the tail. The ‘horsemen’ envisioned in the area of the constellation Cygnus were usually considered to be four stars across the upper edge of the bird’s wings (Lyrae). They should, however, precede, not follow, the ‘follower’. Some anwāʾ-sources identify the horsemen with three rather than four stars. Here the asterism is illustrated with three stars arranged in a triangular formation, and the text in the lower cell specifies three stars.

48 The ‘followers’ in the constellation Cynus, the Bedouin design was of four horsemen formed of the four stars across the wings of the bird (δγεζ Cygni). Five bright star (a Aquilae Altair) form a rhomboid and a prominent asterism known today as Algol. One of the Arab Bedouin names for this asterism was al-salāb (the cross). 51 Uncertain identification. Some anwāʾ-authors state that around al-nasr al-tāʾîr (either α Aquilae alone, or three stars α, β, γ Aquilae) there are four stars called al-tamāṭḥīl. Here it is illustrated with a ring of seven stars.
al-arḍ was a Bedouin name for a star that is usually identified as γ Andromedae, but there is confusion amongst anwāʾ-writers regarding this star, with some association with β Persei.

59 β Cassiopeiae. One of the Bedouin traditions envisioned a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The 'hump' is usually aligned with the star on the raised elbow of the constellation Cassiopeia.

60 Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single large star, with no further information given in the lower cell.

61 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with two stars. No further information is given in the lower cell. Al-layth is also an alternative name for the zodiacal sign Leo.

62 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with three stars in a diagonal row, with no further information given.

63 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with four stars arranged in a square, with no further details.

64 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with a single star; no further details are provided.

65 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with four stars arranged in a square, with no further information given.

66 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with four stars. No further information is given.

67 γ Andromedae or β Persei. The name 'anāq al-arḍ was a Bedouin name for a star in the constellation Andromeda that is usually identified as γ Andromedae. However, there is confusion amongst anwāʾ-writers regarding this star, with some association with β Persei. Here it is illustrated as one solitary star.

68 Uncertain identification. It is illustrated by only two stars. As a star-name the word al-nahār is not recorded before the nautical writings of Ahmad ibn Mājid about 1500, when he used the term for stars in the water pouring from the jug of Aquarius.

69 Uncertain identification. Ibn Qutaybah said there was a 'pond' (al-hawd) indicated by a ring of stars to the right of qafāzāt al-sāḥa 'the leaps of the gazelles' in the Great Bear. 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified these with ṭuḥāṣel Ursae Majoris. However, the name is here illustrated with only a single star.

70 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with four stars arranged in a square, with no further information provided.

71 ιακλ Draconis. Author's of anwāʾ-treatises spoke of stars called 'the serpent' (al-hayyah) between the 'two calves' (فارغذان; بُي Ursae Minoris) and the 'daughters of the bier (banāt naʿsh, بُي Ursae Majoris). 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified these as four stars in the constellation Draco. Seven stars, however, are illustrated here, arranged in a snake-like fashion. The serpent was a Bedouin tradition in association with the constellation Draco. The name al-nasaq (the row) was a Bedouin name for a star that is usually identified as γ Ursae Majoris. It is here, however, illustrated with two stars, with no further information provided.

72 Flam. So. g Ursae Majoris (Alcor). The name al-suḥā 'the overlooked one' was the most common Bedouin designation for a small star next to the middle of the three stars forming the handle of the Big Dipper or the tail of the Great Bear.

73 ιε Ursae Majoris (Alloth), the first star in the tail of the Great Bear. The word al-hawr means a woman (or female animal) with deep-black eyes contrasting markedly with the white of the eye. The name is often written al-jawn (the black horse), and there are many other variants. The name might also be read as al-bawwar (the bull).

74 Uncertain identification. A very small star (not now identified with certainty) was said to be a 'young camel' (al-riḥba) in the midst of four 'camel-mothers' (al-ʿaʾwāʾidh), located near the eye of the constellation Draco (بُي Draconis). It is here, however, illustrated with two stars.

75 A group of small stars in the southern hemisphere, beneath the Ptolemaic constellation of Pisces Australis. The precise identification is uncertain, and the name is written without diacritical dots. They are illustrated here with a single star, with no further information given.

76 α Cygni (Deneb). This is a repetition of an earlier entry three rows above (no. 053), though the explanatory text is the lower cell is here missing.

77 α Persei. This is essentially a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 053). Al-nasaq (the row) is a name applied to two different groups of stars, one usually called 'the northern row' and the other 'the southern row'. The former consisted of two stars in the serpent carried by Serpentarius, nine stars across the arm of Hercules, and two stars in Lyra. The latter was aligned with four stars in Serpens and ten in Serpentarius.
al-qalā’īs (the young camels). 80 Four. [5 stars]
[078] šadr al-asad (the chest of the lion). 82 A red star below al-sarfah (§ Leonis). [1 star]
[079] al-rishā’ (the rope). 83 [5 stars]
[080] al-zalām (the male ostrich). 84 [2 stars]
[081] al-rajd (?). 85 [1 star]
[082] al-nāṭiḥ (that which butts or gores). 86 [1 star]
[083] al-khulūd (the moles, field rats?). 87 [1 star]
[084] al-nāhil (the thirsty animal). 88 [3 stars]
[085] al-al-kalb al-akhīr (the hindmost dog). 93 [1 star]
[086] dhanab al-thawr (the tail of the bull). 89 [3 stars]
[087] al-‘kaff al-jadhmā’ (the cut-off hand). 90 [2 stars]
[088] al-dabīʿah (the camel desiring a stallion ?). 91 [2 stars]
[089] al-tāj (the crown of al-jawzāʾ). 92 [4 stars]
[090] al-kalb al-akhīr (the hindmost dog). 93 [1 star]

[B] THE SOUTHERN STARS—THAT IS, THE ONES IN THE SOUTH

al-jawārī (the servant maidens). 94 In al-jawzāʾ (the giant). [3 stars]
[091] riḍ al-jawzāʾ (the foot of al-jawzāʾ). 95 Below al-jawzāʾ. [2 stars]

80 The open cluster called the Hyades—five stars on the face of Taurus (¶ 22 Tauri). They are here represented with five stars, though in the lower cell it is annotated arbaʿah (four).
81 Uncertain identification. One anonymous anwāʿ-treatise states that one small star called ‘urf al-asad is above the two stars called al-zubrah, which is also usually translated as ‘the mane’ and identified with §§ Leonis. In this illustration, however, ‘urf al-asad is illustrated with three stars in a row rather than a single star. The star-names reflect the very large lion that was seen in this region according to the Bedouin traditions.
82 Uncertain identification. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with a single star, and its name reflects the Bedouin image of a large lion in this area. The star is possibly α Leonis, which had no individual name in the Arabic star lore but was one of the four stars comprising Lunar Mansion X. In the lower cell it is stated that it is a red star below a star called al-sarfah (the change [of weather]), which was the Arabic traditional name for the star in the tail of the constellation Leo (§ Leonis).
83 In Bedouin imagery a rope was seen in the sky as supplied for a bucket (composed of the asterism of the Great Square of Pegasus). As a star-name, the ‘rope’ is usually identified with a star from the Ptolemaic constellation of orion. Yet in this illustration it is shown as five stars arranged in an arc, while in Chapter Nine it is illustrated with Lunar Mansion XXVI as consisting of a half-circle of nine stars.
84 α Piscis Austrini or α Eridani. In the Bedouin tradition, two stars were called ‘the male ostrich’ (al-zalām), one at the end of the stream of water in Aquarius (and in the mouth of the Southern Fish) and the other in the end of the River (Eridanus). It is here illustrated with two stars, suggesting that both stars were intended.
85 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with a single star and no further information is given.
86 a Arietis, a large star at the top of the head of theGreek-Ptolemaic constellation Ariës. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī aligns al-nāṭiḥ with this single star, while Ibn Qutaybah and other anwāʿ-authors align the name with two stars in the constellation Ariës (γ Arietis). Since it is here illustrated with a single star, presumably a Arietis is intended.
87 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The reading of the Arabic is somewhat uncertain, and it is not written with any diacritical marks. It is illustrated with a single star, and no further information is given.
88 Uncertain identification. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It may, however, be a singular form of the word al-nāhil, which is a Bedouin term for four stars said to be camels quenching their thirst. These four stars are aligned with stars in the constellation Lepus (§ Leporis). The star-name on this table is illustrated with three stars, two of which have been damaged or obliterated.
89 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with three stars in an arc, with no further information given. It cannot refer to the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Taurus, for only the front half of a charging bull forms the constellation, with the result that it has no tail. Moreover, in Arabic lore there exists no bull (thawr) which could have a tail.
90 λαγδνμ Ceti. In the Bedouin tradition, six stars in the head and neck of the Ptolemaic constellation Cetus were collectively called ‘the cut-off hand’ (α-kaff al-jadhmā’). It was viewed as one of the hands of the large woman named al-thurayyā. The star-group is here, however, illustrated with only two stars.
91 Unidentified. The star-name given here has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with two stars.
92 γ Orions (?). One of the traditional Arabic terms for the nine stars on the lion’s skin (or elongated sleeve) of the Ptolemaic constellation of Orion was tāj al-jawzāʾ, referring to the ancient image of a very large giant called al-jawzāʾ. It is here illustrated with only four stars.
93 a Canis Majoris (Sirius), the brightest star in the entire sky. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī said that the brilliant star in the jaw of the larger dog was called simply al-kalb (the dog), following Ptolemy. The designation, ‘the hindmost dog’ (al-kalb al-akhīr), is otherwise unrecorded. In Chapter Four of Book One it was also called ‘the larger dog’ (al-kalb al-akbar), and indeed the name given here could be read as al-kalb al-akbar. It is illustrated with a single star. The star is still today called the dog-star and the days of greatest heat the dog-days.
94 α Orionis. The foot (in the singular) of al-jawzāʾ was identified with just one star, that of β Orionis (Rigel), the seventh brightest star of the heavens. Here, however, it is illustrated with two stars, and since the anwāʿ-treatise speaks of ‘the two feet of al-jawzāʾ’ (riḍā’ al-jawzāʾ) as applying to both β Orionis and x Orionis, it is likely that both are intended. The giant al-jawzāʾ was much larger than the constellation Orion.
[093] al-mizrām (the companion), a red star in al-jawzā', [1 star]
[094] al-kursī (the throne), Under al-jawzā', [4 stars]
[095] al-buhul (she-camels having no brand or mark), Stars above [?] al-jawzā', [8 stars]
[096] al-nuddām (the repentant ones), After al-māhāmil (loads carried by camels, ζηα Leonis), [2 stars]
[097] al-niẓām (a string of pearls), After al-nuddām, [3 stars]
[098] al-rukkatān (the two knees), [3 stars]
[099] al-kursiyān (the two thrones), The anterior and the posterior, in the area after \(\text{al-rukbatān}\), [2 stars]

\(^{96}\) α Orionis (a variable star that is the twelfth brightest in the heavens) or \(\gamma\) Orionis. ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that people called the bright red star in Orion by the name of \(\text{mizrām}\) al-jawzā' (the companion of al-jawzā'), but that it is incorrect, for the term properly belongs to the third star of the constellation (\(\gamma\) Orionis) which precedes it. It is here represented by a single star.

\(^{97}\) αβγ Leporis. Ibn Qutaybah said that al-kursī was the name for four stars arranged in an irregular square under al-jawzā' (a very large giant covering the area of Orion, but larger). ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī identified these four stars in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Lepus. It is represented here by four stars arranged in square.

\(^{98}\) Unidentified. A star-group named al-buhul is mentioned in one \(\text{anwāʾ}-\)source only, but in that instance it is associated with Lunar Mansion XXII, which is formed of stars in the constellation Cancer. On the other hand, the word might have been intended to read \(\text{nubāl}\), a variant of \(\text{nābāl}\), which is given as an alternative name for kursī al-jawzā'—the preceding entry, corresponding to four stars in Lepus (αβγ Leporis). Here the name is illustrated with a ring of eight stars and stated to be in or around the very large giant covering the area around Orion (al-jawzā').

\(^{99}\) Unidentified. The name al-nuddām has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with two stars and is said to be located after al-māhāmil. The latter was an alternative name for al-jawzā', the forehead of the lion), which corresponds to four stars in Leo (ζηα Leonis).

\(^{100}\) αβγ Orionis. Al-nizām is an alternative name in the Bedouin tradition for the three stars forming the famous asterism of the Belt of Orion. Here it is illustrated by three stars in a triangular arrangement and said to be located after al-nuddām, an unidentified star said to be located after al-māhāmil, usually identified as ζηα Leonis.

\(^{101}\) Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with three stars, and no further information is given.

\(^{102}\) αβγ Leporis, \(\tau\) Orionis, and αβγ Eridani. Despite this star-group being illustrated by only two stars, it refers to two groups of four stars each. The 'anterior throne' [of al-jawzā'], the very large giant in the area of Orion] was identified as being one star in Orion and three in Eridanus (\(\tau\) Orionis, and αβγ Eridani). The 'posterior throne' [of al-jawzā'] was considered to be four stars in the constellation Lepus (αβγ Leporis).

\(^{103}\) αβγ Aurigae. The star-name was applied to a group of three bright stars behind Capella (\(\alpha\) Aurigae, known in Arabic as \(\text{al-ayyūq}\)). It is a star-group of the northern skies and not the southern, even though it is written beneath the table of southern star-names.

\(^{104}\) Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The singular form, al-hawād (the pond, or watering trough), however, was aligned by ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī with seven stars in the Great Bear (\(\chi\) Ursae Majoris).

\(^{105}\) The open cluster in Cancer (M44, Praesepe). 'The nose of the lion' is one of the Bedouin names for the open cluster in the constellation Cancer (M44, Praesepe), reflecting the image of a lion, larger than the Ptolemaic Leo, in this region of the skies. The stars which are its 'followers' (tawābi') remain unidentified. It is possible that it is the same star-group as that called in Chapter Nine tawābi' al-asad (the followers of the lion), being an unidentified star-group rising to the north of Lunar Mansion XII.

\(^{106}\) Uncertain identification. The name is written in the lower margin, and no stars are illustrated and no further information given. Several different pairs of stars were called 'the claws', including the stars in Draco called \(\text{azfār al-dhibā}'\) (the claws of the wolf) given in the table above (no. 008) amongst the northern stars. Others were in Lyra and in Gemini.

\(^{107}\) Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The form of the name suggests it is from the Greek-Ptolemaic tradition rather than Bedouin \(\text{anwāʾ}\) material.

\(^{108}\) The name is found in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy's \(\text{Almagest}\) and is used to refer to several stars in the southern constellation of the ship (Argo Navis).

\(^{109}\) Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. Al-nathrah (the cartilage of the nose) was one of the Bedouin names for the open cluster in the constellation Cancer (M44, Praesepe), reflecting the image of a lion, larger than the Ptolemaic Leo, in this region of the skies. The stars which are its 'followers' (tawābi') remain unidentified. It is possible that it is the same star-group as that called in Chapter Nine tawābi' al-asad (the followers of the lion), being an unidentified star-group rising to the north of Lunar Mansion XII.

\(^{110}\) The open cluster M44, Praesepe. 'The nose of the lion' is an alternative name for al-nathrah (the cartilage of the nose), which reflected the image of a lion, larger than the Ptolemaic Leo, in the region of the skies containing Cancer with its open cluster Praesepe.
[108] thālith al-tadwir (the third [star] of the shield);\(^{111}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[109] f-r-t-h [farisat?] al-asad (the prey [?] of the lion);\(^{112}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[110] al-dubb al-akbar (the greater bear);\(^{113}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[111] al-ahillah (the new moons);\(^{114}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[112] ‘arsh al-simāk (the throne of the [unarmed] simāk);\(^{115}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[113] al-ma’laf (the manger);\(^{116}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[114] dhanab al-asad (the tail of the lion);\(^{117}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[115] ‘aẓm al-simāk (the bone of simāk);\(^{118}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[116] qadamay suhayl (the two feet of suhayl [Canopus]);\(^{119}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[117] dhanab al-’ayyūq (the tail of al-’ayyūq [Capella]);\(^{120}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[118] surrat al-jawzā’ (the navel of al-jawzā’);\(^{121}\) [in left margin, no stars]

[119] (not legible);\(^{122}\)\(^{123}\)

[120] al-shīrā al-yamāniyah (the southern shīrā);\(^{124}\)

[121] al-shīrā al-sha’miyah (the northern shīrā);\(^{125}\) [2 stars]

[122] al-mizraḥ (the companion);\(^{126}\) [1 star]

[123] al-’udhrah (virgoinity);\(^{127}\) [5 stars]

[124] al-dhi’bān (the two wolves);\(^{128}\)

[125] al-’udhrah (Virgo) [2 stars]

[126] al-mirzam (the companion);\(^{126}\) [1 star]

[127] al-shīrā (Virgo) [5 stars]

[128] After al-nasaq (the row); [2 stars]

\(^{111}\) λ Velorum. The name, which should be written as ‘the third shield’ rather than ‘the third [star] of the shield’, is a term used in one of the Arabic translations of Ptolemy’s Almagest for a star in the southern constellation of Argo Navis. The term tadwir translated the Greek ἀσπιδίσκη (shield). The name is written vertically at the lower left margin, and no stars are illustrated.

\(^{112}\) Unidentified. The name is written as f-r-t-h al-asad and is possibly an error for farisat al-asad. It is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the tenth row of northern star-names. No stars are illustrated. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.

\(^{113}\) This is not a star-name but rather the name of the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Ursa Major. The name is written vertically at the lower left margin, and no stars are illustrated.

\(^{114}\) This appears not to be a star-name, but rather the plural of hilāl meaning the new moon, or lunar crescent. The name is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the eighth row of northern star-names. No stars are illustrated.

\(^{115}\) ANGES Corvi. Four stars in the southern constellation of the Raven (Corvus) were in the Bedouin tradition called ‘ash al-simāk al-’azal (the throne of the unarmed simāk). The ‘unarmed simāk’ was the large star Spica in Virgo (α Virginis); by the early Arabs, this star was viewed as one of the back legs of a very large lion, while in the Ptolemaic constellation it is in the hand of Virgo to the north of the tail of Corvus. The name ‘arsh al-simāk is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the sixth and seventh rows of northern star-names. No stars are illustrated.

\(^{116}\) The open cluster in Cancer (M44, Praesepe). This is essentially a repetition of no. 102, for it is simply a short form of the longer name ma’laf al-saraṭān. The name ma’laf is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the fifth and sixth rows of northern star-names. No stars are illustrated.

\(^{117}\) ʿe Leonis (Denebola), whose ‘modern name’ comes from the Arabic dhanab al-asad. The name is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the fourth and fifth rows of northern star-names. No stars are illustrated.

\(^{118}\) Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The name simāk was applied to two different stars: α Virginis (Spica) and ω Bootis (Arcturus). The unusual name ‘aẓm al-simāk is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the third row of northern star-names.

\(^{119}\) Uncertain identification. Suḥayl is the star Canopus in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Argo Navis (α Carinae). The ‘feet of Suḥayl (qadamā Suḥayl)’ are mentioned in the anwāl-literature, but their precise identification is uncertain, possibly ζ Carinae. The name is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the second row of northern star-names. No stars are illustrated.

\(^{120}\) Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. Al-ʿayyūq is the traditional name for Capella, α Aurigae. The name dhanab al-ʿayyūq is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the first row of northern star-names. It is evident that considerable corruption has occurred in the tradition of this star-name, for the single star al-ʿayyūq can hardly have had a ‘tail’ (dhanab). No stars are illustrated.

\(^{121}\) The ‘naveł of al-jawzā’ refers to a single star in the constellation of Orion (ε Orionis). The name is written vertically in the left-hand margin, further out into the margin than the other vertical names; the lower portions of the letters have been cut off during earlier re-bindings. No stars are illustrated.

\(^{122}\) Another star-name, but now illegible. Only the upper parts of some letters are now visible, the rest having been cut off during earlier re-binding. Very small traces of at least four additional names can be seen along the end of the page.

\(^{123}\) See fig. 1.5 (p. 261) for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets.

\(^{124}\) α Canis Majoris (Sirius), the brightest star in the entire sky. The Arabic name comes from the traditional legend of two Sūrū, Sirius the southern shīrā in the Larger Dog and Procyon the northern shīrā in the Lesser Dog, who were sisters of Canopus (suḥayl) who had married the huge giant al-jawzā. It was also called ‘the dog of the giant’ (kalb al-jabbār), and sometimes simply ‘the dog’. It is here illustrated by a single star.

\(^{125}\) α Canis Minoris (Procyon), the eighth brightest star. It is here illustrated by two stars, though one may have been purposefully obliterated.

\(^{126}\) α Orionis, a variable star that is the twelfth brightest in the heavens, or γ Orionis. This is a repetition of the entry immediately above in this table (no. 093).

\(^{127}\) Uncertain identification. Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way, under the star Sirūs (α Canis Majoris), there were five stars called al-ʿudhrah. Some have identified them as α, β, γ, δ, ε Canis Majoris. The name is here illustrated with five stars.

\(^{128}\) Unidentified as a southern asterism. The only recorded use of the name al-dhiʾbān is in reference to two stars in the
Northern constellation of Draco (ζ Draconis). These two stars were described in an entry (no. 007) in the first part of the table, and its repetition here would be inappropriate since this table is stated to contain southern stars. The star-name is here illustrated with two stars. In the lower cell it is stated that the star-pair is located after al-musaq (the row), a name applied to two different groups of stars, one usually called 'the northern row' and the other 'the southern row'. The former consisted of two stars in the serpent carried by Serpantarius, nine stars across the arm of Hercules, and two stars in Lyra. The latter was aligned with four stars in Serpens and ten in Serpantarius. 129 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with a single star and is stated to be located after 'the two wolves'. The only recorded identification for the latter stars are two stars in the northern constellation of Draco (ζ Draconis).

130 This appears to be a repetition of an entry given earlier (no. 069), but with a slightly different statement of location. Although the name is clearly written as al-qird (the tick), it must be read as al-fard (the solitary one), referring to ζ Hydrae (Alphard). It is here illustrated with a circle of nine stars and stated to be opposite al-jabbah (the forehead of the large lion), the Bedouin name for four stars in the Leo (ζ Leo Leonis), and indeed these stars are positioned on a vertical line above. 131 Probably υλυρίδα in Hydrae and β Crateris. In the Bedouin tradition, the stars of the constellation Hydra between al-fard (ζ Hydrae) and the stars of Corvus were considered to be al-sharāsīf, which can be translated as either rib cartilages or as fettered camels. 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified these with ten stars in Hydra and in Crater. It is here illustrated with six stars in two rows of three each. The stars comprising the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Corvus were called in the anwāʾ-tradition al-khibāʾ (the tent), but the name was sometimes restricted to just four stars in the constellation, kawākib al-safīnah. 132 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with two stars, and it is stated to be located between al-sharāsīf (the star-group named in the previous entry comprising eleven stars in Hydra) and al-khibāʾ (the tent), usually interpreted as stars comprising the constellation Corvus. In Arabic star lore, al-qalb (the heart) is normally associated with a large single star in Scorpio (α Scorpionis).

133 Unidentified as a southern asterism, here illustrated with a ring of eight stars. It is stated to be located between al-abnāʾ (an unidentified star-group mentioned in the previous entry) and al-khibāʾ (the tent), usually interpreted as stars comprising the constellation Corvus. In Arabic star lore, al-qalb (the heart) is normally associated with a large single star in Scorpio (α Scorpionis).

134 The stars comprising the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Corvus were in the anwāʾ-tradition called al-khibāʾ. In this entry, it is said to be 'below al-shawlah' and is represented by only three stars in a triangular arrangement. The name al-shawlah (the raised tail) was applied to two stars in the tip of the tail of Scorpio (ξ Scorpiionis) and also formed Lunar Mansion XIX. If the name al-khibāʾ is correctly interpreted as the stars of Corvus, then it would be below (that is, south of) al-shawlah, but not directly so, for it is almost 60 degrees to the west. 135 Uncertain identification. Ibn Qutaybah said that al-qubbah was below the 'raised tail (al-shawlah) of the scorpion', but 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī said that the stars known by the name al-qubbah, arranged in a circle, were in fact the stars forming the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of the Southern Crown (Corona Australis). The asterism al-qubbah is here illustrated with seven stars in a V-shaped arrangement. 136 Uncertain identification. The 'egg of the ostriches' was said by 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī to apply to a star near the 'ostrich nest' (υdhi-ṇaʿām) which was composed five stars in Eridanus and two in Cetus. The star-name, however, is illustrated by eight stars in a ring. The meaning of the statement in the lower cell is unclear. 137 a Piscis Austrini and z Eridani. In the Bedouin tradition, two stars were called 'the male ostrich' (al-zalīm), one at the end of the stream of water in Aquarius (and in the mouth of the Southern Fish) and the other in the end of the River (Eridanus). This is essentially a repetition of entry no. 089. 138 Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The asterism is here illustrated with two groups of three stars each. Several different pairs of stars were called 'the claws', including stars in Draco called azfār al-dhiʾb (the claws of the wolf) given in the table above (no. 008) amongst the northern stars; others were in Lyra and in Gemini. None are associated with an eagle. 139 a Delphini. According to 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī, the star in the tail of the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Delphinus was called 'amād al-salāb because the four bright stars (βηγ Delphini) that form a rhomboid in that constellation were thought by Bedouins to form a cross. The 'vertical post of a cross' is here illustrated with five stars arranged as a cross. 140 Unidentified. The only Bedouin account of a ship in the sky places the ship in the area under the stars forming al-duwāb (the bucket, ζ Pegasi) and extending to saʿd al-suʿād (Lunar Mansion XXIV, ζ Aquarii and ε Capricornii), with its bow on the 'anterior frog' (a Piscis Austrini) and its stern on the
al-dīfḍīān (the two frogs)\textsuperscript{141} One of them is at the back of the ship and the other at its front. \textsuperscript{[2 stars]}

al-tawābī (the followers)\textsuperscript{142} \textsuperscript{[3 stars]}

al-khayl (the horses)\textsuperscript{143} Under the raised tail of the scorpion (shawlat al-ʿaqrab). \textsuperscript{[5 stars]}

awlād al-khayl (the offspring of the horses)\textsuperscript{144} Below the horses (al-khayl). \textsuperscript{[3 stars]}

al-rīʿāl (the young ostriches)\textsuperscript{145} That is, the chicks of ostriches (farkh al-naʿām). \textsuperscript{[4 stars]}

al-udhī (the ostrich nest)\textsuperscript{146} That is, the nest of ostriches (ʿushsh al-naʿām). \textsuperscript{[1 star]}

bayḍ al-naʿām (the ostrich egg)\textsuperscript{147} Below the ostrich nest (al-udhī). \textsuperscript{[4 stars]}

sukkān al-safīnah (the rudder of the ship)\textsuperscript{148} Below al-dhābīḥ (the sacrificer, Lunar Mansion XXII). \textsuperscript{[3 stars]}

mallāḥ al-safīnah\textsuperscript{149} (the navigator of the ship)\textsuperscript{150} Below saʿd al-suʿād (good fortune; Lunar Mansion XXIV). \textsuperscript{[3 stars]}

al-kalb (the dog)\textsuperscript{151} Below the Milky Way. \textsuperscript{[1 star]}

shā wa-al-ghanam wa-al-rāʿī (the sheep, the goats, and the shepherd)\textsuperscript{152} \textsuperscript{[2 stars]}

banāt zimām (?) (the daughters of zimām)\textsuperscript{153} \textsuperscript{[3 stars]}

\textsuperscript{141} α Piscis Austrini (Fomalhaut) and β Ceti. In the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Aquarius, the large star at the end of the stream of water—in the mouth of the Southern Fish—was traditionally associated with the mouth of the southern fish. The large star was referred to as ‘the frog’ (al-dīfḍī al-ʿawwāl) or ‘the front frog’ (al-dīfḍī al-muʿakkhar). The two ‘frogs’ are here illustrated with two stars.

\textsuperscript{142} Three groups of stars are given in other recorded sources. They are illustrated with four stars in a row. This is essentially a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 152).

\textsuperscript{143} Uncertain identification. In terms of the Ptolemaic constellation of Argo, the ‘rudder of the ship’ would correspond to α Canis Majoris. Some anwāʿ-sources, however, do speak of the ‘rudder of the ship’ being south of the two stars forming Lunar Mansion XXI (saʿd al-dhābīḥ) formed by α and β Capricorni. These two interpretations are not compatible. The asterism of sukkān al-safīnah (the rudder of the ship) is here illustrated with three stars.

\textsuperscript{144} At the point, where the star mallāḥ al-safīnah is named, the text along with small illustrations, is also preserved in the other three manuscripts, where the text takes up at d fol. 13b, B fol. 127a, and M fol. 35b.

\textsuperscript{145} Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with one large and two smaller stars, arranged in a triangular formation (or three of the same size in later copies). Lunar Mansion XXIV, beneath which it is said to be situated, consists of two stars in Aquarius and one in Capricorn (ξ Aquarii and e Capricorni).

\textsuperscript{146} α Canis Majoris (Sirius). ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī said that the brilliant star in the jaw of the larger dog was called simply al-kalb (the dog), following Ptolemy. It is illustrated with a single star.

\textsuperscript{147} This is probably the flock with shepherd visualised in the area of the constellation Cepheus. Ibn Qutaybah said that ‘the sheep’ (al-shā) were small stars between al-qurrah, a star in Cepheus (ζ Cephei) and the Pole star (Polaris), while ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī also said that al-quran, which can mean either sheep or goats, was the flock tended by the shepherd pictured in the area of the constellation Serpentinarius, where the large star α Ophiuchi bore the Bedouin name al-raʿī (the shepherd). In the later copies (D, B, and M), the asterism is illustrated with four rather than two stars.

\textsuperscript{148} Unidentified. It is illustrated by three stars. The name makes little sense as written, and the name has not been found in other recorded sources. The word zimām is something which ties or fastens, and often is used for a camel’s nose-ring. One anonymous anwāʿ-treatise does refer to an unidentified star named banāt imām (the daughters of the imam), and perhaps the same star is intended. In the later copies (D, B, and M), the star-name is written as wa-al-zimām (and the camel’s nose-ring) and illustrated by four stars set in a curve. Al-zimām is also an otherwise unrecorded star-name, and in Chapter Seven (no. 23) the name is applied to a comet said to be on a hundred-year orbit, near the orbit of Saturn.
[149] al-ahmirah (the donkeys).\textsuperscript{154} Below sa‘d al-su‘ād (Lunar Mansion XXIV). [4 stars]

[150] al-ibīl (the camels).\textsuperscript{155} Below al-sullam (the ladder). [3 stars]

[151] al-hāṣib (the thrower of stones, referring to wind).\textsuperscript{156} Below al-sullam (the ladder). [2 stars]

[152] al-ghanājān (the two hedgehogs ?).\textsuperscript{157} Below sa‘d al-su‘ād (Lunar Mansion XXIV). [2 stars]

[153] al-suradān (the two surad-birds).\textsuperscript{158} Two stars along the Milky Way (al-majarrah). [2 stars]

[154] al-awtād (the tent pegs).\textsuperscript{159} Below al-mafras al-shamālī (the northern walled enclosure).\textsuperscript{160} [3 stars]

[155] al-simāk al-‘a’zal (the unarmed simāk).\textsuperscript{161} And it is called sāq al-asad (the leg of the lion). [1 star]

[156] ‘arsh al-simāk (the throne of the [unarmed] simāk).\textsuperscript{162} [4 stars]

[157] sa‘d al-bahā’ (the omen of elegance).\textsuperscript{163} [2 stars]

[158] sa‘d nāshirah (omen of fertility).\textsuperscript{164} [2 stars]

[159] sa‘d matar (omen of rain).\textsuperscript{165} [2 stars]

[160] sa‘d al-humām (omen of the hero / omen of sleet and hail).\textsuperscript{166} [3 stars]

[161] kaff al-jedhmā‘ (the cut-off hand).\textsuperscript{167} [2 stars]

\textsuperscript{154} Possibly referring to four stars said in some anwā‘-sources to be at the eastern end of Hydra and the north-eastern part of Cantaurus. They are illustrated here as four stars in a curve. The later copies, D and B, write the name as al-ahmirah while M writes it as al-ahmar, and all three illustrate it with five stars. In Chapter Nine, in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXI, the star-group ‘the donkeys’ (al-ahmirah) was clearly defined in the text as three luminous stars of the fourth degree of magnitude that comprise half of the star-group called ‘the necklace’ (al-qitādah), the latter being six stars in the constellation Sagittarius.

\textsuperscript{155} Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is here illustrated in all copies with three stars in a straight line. Al-sullam is a group of stars below the Southern Fish (Piscis Austrinus).

\textsuperscript{156} Uncertain identity. The name al-hāṣib is not recorded in the published literature as a star-name. The name is clearly written in all copies as al-hāṣib, illustrated with two stars. In copy A, it is stated to be below al-sullam, a group of stars below the Southern Fish (Piscis Austrinus), though the later copies say it is below tūm (?). The board on which bread is rested while rising), neither of which are recorded star-names. Various authors of anwā‘-treatises refer to a single star near Lunar Mansion XXIV (ξ Aquarii and ι Capricorni) as named al-khāṭib (the collector of wood) or al-khāṭib (the betrothed), and in one instance writing it as al-khadib (the dyer). It is likely that the name given here (al-hāṣib) is yet another variant spelling of the same star-name, though here it is illustrated with a pair of stars instead of only one. In copies D, B, M, this entry has been transposed with the subsequent one.

\textsuperscript{157} Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The later copies (D, B, M) write the name as al-ghanājāq (amorous gestures ?), but interpreting the name as two hedgehogs is in keeping with the predilection for assigning animal names to star-groups. It is illustrated with a pair of stars and said to be below Lunar Mansion XXIV (ξ Aquarii).

\textsuperscript{158} ζ ο [2 stars] Sagittarii (?). Two stars below Corona Australis, possibly in the region of Sagittarius. The word surad refers to certain species of birds, one being larger than a sparrow and a preditor of sparrows, another being notable for its black and white markings. The Bedouins regarded both its sighting and its cry as evil omens; see Lane 1863, 1677 for further details. According to anwā‘-authors, the two surad birds were located under al-qubbah, the stars forming the constellation of the Southern Crown (Corona Australis).

\textsuperscript{159} Unidentified. The name al-awtād has not been found in other recorded sources for star-names. It is here illustrated with three stars in a triangular arrangement, and it is stated that its location is ‘below the northern walled enclosure’, which is also an unrecorded star-name. The name (al-mafras al-shamālī) might be a variation of hāris al-shamālī (the sentinel of the north) which ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī gives as an alternative name for the star Arcturus (α Bootis). In place of the word mafras (as written in copy A), copies D and B read al-farās (the horse) and copy M reads al-adū (the enemy).

\textsuperscript{160} In copies D and B this unidentified star is called al-farās al-shamālī (the northern horse) and in copy M al-adū al-shamālī (the northern enemy).

\textsuperscript{161} A Virginis (Spica). It was viewed by the early Arabs as one of the back legs of a very large lion. It is represented by a single star.

\textsuperscript{162} By ζ Corvi. This is a repetition of a star-name written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the sixth and seventh rows of northern star-names (no. 112). Four stars in the southern constellation of the Raven (Corvus) were in the Bedouin tradition called ‘arsh al-simāk al-‘a’zal (the throne of the unarmed simāk).

\textsuperscript{163} By Pegasi. This group of two stars is one of over ten such pairs that Bedouin Arabs called sa‘d stars, the word sa‘d being roughly translated as ‘omen’. Four of these pairs are in the area of the constellation Pegasus. The name sa‘d al-bahā’ (which occurs also in Chapter Nine) is either a scribal error or another variant of a star-name that is recorded in several different forms, most commonly sa‘d al-huḥām (the omen of the young animals, by Pegasi). In both copy A and in the three later copies (D, B, M) it is clearly written as sa‘d al-bahā‘ (the omen of elegance), which is not recorded elsewhere as a star-name outside of its occurrence in the present treatise.

\textsuperscript{164} ξ Capricorni. This pair of stars is one of over ten such groups that Bedouin Arabs called sa‘d stars, the word sa‘ad being roughly translated as ‘omen’.

\textsuperscript{165} γ Pegasi. This pair of stars is one of over ten such groups that Bedouin Arabs called sa‘d stars. Four of these pairs of stars are in the area of the constellation Pegusas.

\textsuperscript{166} ζ Pegasi. This is one of four pairs of ‘omen’ stars in the constellation Pegusas. This sa‘d group is, however, illustrated in all the copies with three instead of two stars.

\textsuperscript{167} ζ Corvi. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 87). In the Bedouin tradition, six stars in the head and neck of the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Cetus were col-
Mansion XXV called used for these same stars. as a star-name the word it is possible that the name Mansion XXV consists of four stars in the constellation of aquarius, to one specific may refer to all the al-suʿūd about 1500, when he used the term for stars in the water that is not recorded before the nautical writings of aḥmad ibn Mājid.

Some anwāʾ-sources speak of two or three stars near Lunar Mansion XXV called al-wāṭr (the small river). Since Lunar Mansion XXV consists of four stars in the constellation of Aquarius, it is possible that the name al-nahr, meaning ‘river’ was also used for these same stars. As a star-name the word al-nahr is not recorded before the nautical writings of Aḥmad Ibn Mājid about 1500, when he used the term for stars in the water that is poured from the jug of Aquarius.

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169 Recognized as the ‘cut-off hand’. It was viewed as one of the hands of the large woman named al-thurayyā. The star-group is, however, illustrated in all copies with only two stars, as it was in the earlier entry.

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[181] al-ḥanāʾīt  [= al-khabāʾīth ?] (the noxious ones),\(^{187}\) [4 stars]
[182] al-ʿudlirah (virginity):\(^ {188}\) [4 stars]
[183] al-muwrābā (something oblique or slanted):\(^ {189}\) [1 star]
[184] al-baqar (the cattle):\(^ {190}\) [4 stars]
[185] al-bākichh (the miser):\(^ {191}\) [2 stars]
[186] al-muhāmī (the defender):\(^ {192}\) [1 star]
[187] al-ibīl (the camels):\(^ {193}\) [4 stars]
[188] al-arwā (the female antelope or mountain-goat):\(^ {194}\) [2 stars]
[189] al-asad (the lion):\(^ {195}\) [1 star]
[190] al-bakkārah (?) (a set of pulleys):\(^ {196}\) [3 stars]

[^187]: Unidentified. It is illustrated as four stars in a diamond formation. The name as written in copy A is al-ḥanāʾīt, of uncertain meaning and unrecorded as a star-name. The name can also be interpreted as al-khabāʾīth (the noxious ones), also unattested as a star-name. The later copies have yet different readings of the name: D has al-ḥāʾīth (the unsuccessful), B has al-naʿīb (the old she-camel), and M has al-halab (milkt), written out any dots and hence open to other readings. None of these are attested star-names.

[^188]: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. The later copy D reads nasr (eagle), while the Karshīnī copy B reads n-s and M reads sadd (obstruction).

[^189]: Uncertain identification. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 025). Here it is illustrated in all copies with four stars, while in the earlier entry it had five. Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way under the star Sirius (α Canis Majoris) there were five stars called al-ʿudlirah.

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[^193]: Uncertain identification. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 025). Star groups called 'the cows' are described by arwā-'authors as being in various positions. Ibn Qutaybah says that opposite the star al-dabarān (α Tauri, Aldebaran) there are stars called 'the cows', and this description is closest to that given in the earlier entry. Others say that the 'cows' are stars to the right of the 'cut-off hand' (al-kuff al-adlabānā) of the large woman named al-thūrayyā—stars envisioned in the area of the constellation Cetus.

[^194]: Unidentified. Here it is shown as two stars, whereas in the earlier entry (no. 172) it was a single star. See entry no. 172 for discussion of the star name.

[^195]: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. The later copies read al-bākich (the guardian), which can also mean a stallion-camel that refuses to be ridden; such a name is also unattested as a star-name.

[^196]: Unidentified. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 150), where it was illustrated with three stars rather than two as shown here. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.

[^197]: Unidentified. It is illustrated as two stars. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.

[^198]: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.

[^199]: Uncertain identification. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 123). Here it is illustrated in all copies with four stars, while in the earlier entry it had five. Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way under the star Sirius (α Canis Majoris) there were five stars called al-ʿudlirah.

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on either side of the Milky Way. Modern identification of the ‘ostriches’: γ Ἀργος Σαγιτταρίου on one side and σ τζ Σαγιτταρίου on the other.

206 § Librae. The names for the stars in the Ptolemaic constellation of Libra reflect the Bedouin traditional concept of a large scorpion (much larger than our Scorpio), of which Libra formed the claws. The ‘northern claw’ is the large star on the north pan of the balance in the constellation Libra. It is illustrated in all the copies with two stars.

207 α Librae. The ‘south claw’ is the large star on the south pan of the balance in the constellation Libra. It is illustrated in all copies with two stars.

208 γ Andromedae (?). The name ‘ανακ αλ-αρδ’ was a Bedouin name for a star that is usually identified as γ Andromedae, but there is confusion amongst anwā‘-writers regarding this star, with some association with β Persei. Here (and in later copies D and B) it is illustrated with four stars in a square arrangement, though in copy M it is shown as three stars, two separate from the third.

209 Unidentified. It is illustrated with four stars, three in a row and one beneath. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.

210 ξ Σαγιτταρίου. Six stars in a curve in the constellation of Sagittarius were traditionally called ‘the necklace’. Here they are illustrated with seven stars in a curve.

211 This is not a star-name, but rather the name of the Ptolemaic constellation of the Serpent Charmer (Serpentarius or Ophiuchus). It is here illustrated with a pair of stars.

212 α Ophiuchi. The ‘head of the serpent charmer’ refers to the large star in the head of the constellation of Serpentarius (or Ophiuchus), whose modern name Ras Alhague is derived from this Arabic name. It is curiously illustrated here with six stars, five in a row and one beneath.

213 Uncertain identification. It is illustrated with six stars in a V-formation, tilted to one side. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.

214 α Herculis. The ‘head of the kneeling man’ is the star on the head of the constellation Hercules, which was known as ‘the kneeling man’ in Arabic, reflecting the Ptolemaic constellation. It is illustrated by a single star.

215 α Pegasi. A star in the constellation Pegasus, whose name reflects the Ptolemaic image rather than the Bedouin one. It is illustrated with a single star.

216 The star-name is written clearly in all copies as αλ-ναρ-κοκ (perhaps a mistake for the common αλ-ναρ-κοκ, meaning narcissus) and illustrated by four stars, three in one group with the fourth at a distance. In this context, it may be a mistake for the star-name αλ-ναρ-κοκ, which is recorded in various anwā‘—traditions, though its identity is also uncertain. For αλ-ναρ-κοκ, see the Glossary of Star-Names.

217 Unidentified. It is illustrated by three stars in a triangular formation. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. It is perhaps an alternative name for the asterism usually called αλ-ναρ-κοκ (the pond, or watering trough) and named earlier in no. 066. Abd al-Rahman al-Sufi aligned the latter star-name with seven stars in the Great Bear (θυφθεθ Ορσας Μαίορις).

218 α Pegasi. A star in the constellation Pegasus, whose name reflects the Ptolemaic image rather than the Bedouin one. It is illustrated with a single star.

219 Unidentified. It is illustrated by three stars in a curve. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. It may be intended as a variant of κιτατ αλ-κοκ (the portion of a horse), which is one of the Arabic names for the Ptolemaic constellation of Equuleus, whose form comprised head and neck of a horse.

220 This is not a star-name, but rather the name of the Ptolemaic constellation of the Southern Fish (Piscis Austrinus). It is here illustrated by eight stars, five in a row with three below.

221 αβ1,2 Σαγιτταρίου (?). Two stars below Corona Australis, possibly in the region of Sagittarius. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 153) without the additional statement that they are ‘along the Milky Way’.

222 Unidentified. It is illustrated with a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 022), where the asterism was illustrated with five stars rather than just three as shown here.

223 ξ στζ Ορσας Μαίορις (?). This is a repetition of an earlier entry (no. 022), where the asterism was illustrated with five stars rather than just three as shown here.

224 αλ Andromedae. One of the Bedouin traditions envisaged a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The head of this she-camel was usually aligned with three stars in Andromeda. It is here, however, illustrated with nine stars in a snake-like formation. In the later copies (D, M) it is illustrated with seven stars, and the name is written as αλ-ναρ-κοκ (the circle of the she-camel) or αλ-ναρ-κοκ (the revolving of the she-camel), both unrecorded as star-names.
[219] *al-karab* (the places where a rope is attached to a bucket);\(^{225}\) [2 stars]

[220] *al-rāʾī* (the shepherd);\(^ {226}\) [2 stars]

[221] *al-judayy* [or *al-jady*] (the little goat, or, the goat);\(^ {227}\) [2 stars]

[222] *al-ʿanāq* (the young she-goat);\(^ {228}\) [2 stars]

[223] *al-difādiʿ* (the frogs);\(^ {229}\) [2 stars]

[224] *al-safīnah* (the ship);\(^ {230}\) [11 stars]

[225] *al-bahīm* (the obscure);\(^ {231}\) [1 star]

[226] *al-dubb al-aṣghar* (the smaller bear);\(^ {232}\) [1 star]

[227] *qadam al-jāthī* (the foot of the kneeling man);\(^ {233}\) [2 stars]

\(^{225}\) τυ Πεγασος. In the constellation of Pegasus, the traditional Bedouin image of a leather bucket is reflected in some of its star-names. The *karab*, or place where a rope is attached to a bucket, is illustrated here with a pair of stars. In the later copies, the name is given as *al-ṭarab* (pleasure), which is undocumented as a star-name.

\(^{226}\) A shepherd was envisioned in several areas of the sky, including the constellations of Cepheus, Serpentarius (Ophiuchis), Orion, and Sagittarius. It is not stated which is intended here. It is illustrated in copy A with two stars on a diagonal line, while in the later copies it is illustrated with three stars in a triangular formation.

\(^{227}\) The name as written can be vocalised as either *al-jady* (the goat) or *al-judayy* (the little goat). The former was the standard Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Capricorn and unlikely to occur in a list of stars or small star-groups. Vocalised as *al-judayy*, it is the name of the star at the end of the tail of the Lesser Bear—that is, the Pole Star α Ursae Minoris, Polaris. Here, however, the name is illustrated with a pair of stars, making its identification uncertain.

\(^{228}\) ζ Ursae Majoris, modern name Mizar. According to the Bedouin tradition, the large star in the middle of the tail of Great Bear was called *al-ʿanāq*. Here it is illustrated with a pair of stars. *ʿAnāq* can also mean a lynx as well as a young she-goat or kid, but because the term *ʿanāq al-ʿard* (lynx) is used for a different star, a differentiation is made in the English rendering of the term.

\(^{229}\) The name *al-difādiʿ* (the frogs) applied to two stars, one in Cetus (§ Ceti), whose modern name is Diphda, and one in the Southern Fish (α Piscis Austrini). The name is here illustrated with a pair of stars, suggesting that both are intended. The ‘two frogs’ (*al-difādiʿān*) were the subject of an earlier entry as well (no. 137).

\(^{230}\) Unidentified. The only Bedouin account of a ship in the sky places the ship in an area under the stars forming *al-dalw* (the bucket, δγβα Pegasi) and extending to saʿd al-suʿūd (Lunar Mansion XXIV, βξ Aquarii and c1 Capricorni), with its bow on the ‘anterior frog’ (α Piscis Austrini) and its stern on the ‘posterior frog’ (§ Ceti). This appears an impossible arrangement and is nowhere near the Ptolemaic constellation Argo. ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī dismissed this tradition, saying ‘but those who say this knew neither *al-safīnah* (the ship) nor *al-suʿūd* nor the two frogs; but God is wisest and knows best.’ The asterism is here (and in all other copies) illustrated with a ring of eleven stars.

\(^{231}\) Unidentified. It is illustrated with a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. In later copies D and B, the name reads *al-naḥam* (the greedy), while in copy M it is written as *al-baham* (lambs or kids); neither of these terms is a recorded star-name.

\(^{232}\) This is not a star-name but rather the standard Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of the Lesser Bear (ursa Minor). It is here, however, illustrated with a single star.

\(^{233}\) Uncertain identification. The ‘foot of the kneeling man’ must be one or more stars on one of the feet of the constellation Hercules, which was known as ‘the kneeling man’ (al-jāthī) in Arabic. It is here illustrated with a pair of stars. In the *Abraqest* translation made by al-Hājīj, the word *qadam* is used in describing both the twentieth star (of uncertain astronomical identification) in the constellation of Hercules and a star following the twentieth-eighth star which was actually assigned to Boötes (λα Boötis).
THE SIXTH CHAPTER ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF STARS WITH TAILS [COMETS] AND THEIR CURIOSITIES

The sages say that the indications of 'stars with tails' [comets] are essentially those of Mars and Mercury when they mix. When both these two planets are within the 'division of the world', one within the rays of the other, they are mixed. This is an indication of discord, wars, killings, fire, epidemics, bloody and inflammatory diseases, a great plague, earthquakes, eclipses, and calamities for the grandees and the rulers. These misfortunes will happen in that region where the comet appears. If the comet appears in the East, then [the misfortunes will occur] in the East; if it appears in the West, then in the West; or if it appears in the North, then in the North. If, however, the comet appears in the South, the tribulations will be felt worldwide, though mostly in the middle of the region. When it appears to the east of the Sun, the events it indicates will happen promptly; if the comet appears to the west [of the Sun], the events it indicates will be delayed. If it fades quickly, then the events it indicates will be minor, but if its ascent is prolonged, the events it indicates will be long lasting. The region towards which the tail is inclined will be the one most affected by its evil influence. Only God knows His mysteries.

ON THE EFFECTS OF COMETS APPEARING IN EACH OF THE ZODIACAL SIGNS

If a tailed star appears in the sign of Aries, grandees and dignitaries will perish, and insolent and evil folk will reign. Unprecedented wickedness will prevail. The king of the Greeks and the notables of his kingdom will die, his dominions will be in turmoil, and a disaster will befall him. The lands of the Turks will be subject to a great calamity and a want of rain, pasture, and plants. Eye-diseases will spread. The summer heat will increase. Men will have abundant gold and silver.

If it appears in the sign of Taurus, hailstones will become dry and solid and cause damage to the grass. Men will be subject to great pains on account of a dry cough, itching, and scabies. Cattle will die. The roads will be cut off. The crops of the plains and the mountains will rot as a result of a disease. The mountainous cities will be laid waste. The cultivation of orchards and plantations will diminish. Plowmen and the people of the marshes will perish on account of injustice, oppression, and lack of cultivation.

If it appears in Gemini, hot sandstorms will scorch fruits and produce, while birds will perish from the excessive heat. Epidemics will strike, killing children and causing pregnant women to abort. Meteor showers will be frequent. A great thud will be heard in the sky, together with terrifying sights, such as thunder, and glowing lights (al-luma') and strong flashes of lightning.

If it appears in the sign of Cancer, men will be subject to heavy, abundant, and damaging rain that will destroy houses. Rivers and springs will overflow, and flood-gates will give way. Many will die by drowning and by choking. Fish and water fowl will perish. Wars will spread, and blood will be shed in the coastal towns and the islands. Due to mud slides, the roads will shut down in the regions of Armenia, Jurzān (?), and Fars. Strife and wars will occur because of the water.

If it appears in the sign of Leo, the kings will fight each other and wars will spread. Disease and fever

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1 MS A, fol. 13a; MS D, fol. 32b; MS M, fol. 37a; MS B, fol. 127b.
2 The term al-qismah or al-qismah al-ʿalāniyyah is a technical term in astrology, equivalent to the Latin divisio. It means a point along the ecliptic (or celestial equator) to which an indicator moves when calculating the tasvir or prorogation based on planetary trajectories. For this complex astrological terminology, see Yano & Viladrich 1990, Qabisi 2004, 125–9, esp. 127; Abu Maʿshar 2000, 1:577–8; and EF, art. 'Tasvir' (G. Schirmer).
3 For the doctrine of 'projection of rays' (matāriḥ al-shaʿāṭīṭ) in which planets were supposed to be able to project rays in order to obstruct another planet, see Kennedy & Krikorian-Preiser 1972 and Samsó & Berrani 1999.

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4 The two terms hikkah and jarah (itching and scabies in general) could be used here in the more restricted sense of eye afflictions, in which case they would mean itching of the eyelids (blepharitis) and trachoma. The author frequently mentions ocular diseases throughout the chapter.

5 Inqiḍāḍ al-kawākib, literally 'a storm of stars'.

6 This is possibly a reference to a bolides, a meteor that is accompanied by a noise.

7 Copy A reads H-r-r-a-n-n; copies D and B, however, write it as H-r-r-z-w-n, which could be interpreted as Jurzān, a region in western Georgia.
will become severe in the eastern regions. A man of great eminence will die. The sky will turn a deep red. The winds that will blow will raise dust, carry away hilltops, and fell trees. Beasts of prey will be afflicted with eye-disease,\(^8\) and dogs with rabies. Men will suffer from constipation and stomach-ache.

If it appears in Virgo, a great plant epidemic will destroy crops, and it will be followed by disease and drought. Men will be afflicted by severe pains due to fever and violent shivering (nāfīḍ). Women will be afflicted by pains in their wombs and stomachs. Ulcers and pustules will be prevalent in the population as a whole. The friends of God will be subject to great oppression and injustice inflicted by the lowliest and most worthless of men.

If it appears in Libra, fruits will rot as a result of a blight.\(^9\) The winds will grow stronger and stormy. Some of the kings of that region will die. Honey, wine,\(^10\) and rains will become scarce. The sky will become clear, and storms will become rare. Aridness will increase, and the grass will become dry. The livelihood of men will be in good order, their ruler will treat them favourably, and justice will reign.

If it appears in the sign of Scorpio, strange things will happen that year. The winter will be wet, with many clouds and dark weather. In the North, much blood will be shed. In the West, great wars and discord will prevail. It will be increasingly cold. Death, disease, pillage, murder, rape, and vice will be so prevalent that even the young will become grey-haired. This will happen because of women. Men will be afflicted with much pain in their testicles, bladder and back. Rains, injurious to fruits, will spread, followed by ice and snow. It will be excessively cold and dry.

If it appears in the sign of Sagittarius, the air will become warmer, and it will be excessively hot. Land animals will die and perish. Winds carrying hot sandstorms will blow, killing wild beasts. Then there will appear in the sky a portent from the stars that would quell [these winds]. The king will become harsher towards the notables and the common people, and he will be intent on amassing property and humiliating his subjects, saddling them with injustice and oppression. One of the king’s most powerful enemies and foes will die in the east of that region.

If it appears in Capricorn, there will be a great calamity, war, and discord. Innovations [in religion]\(^11\) will appear. Men will be afflicted with a kind of madness, delusions, epilepsy, and corruption of the mind.\(^12\) They will suffer want for no apparent reason and adversity with no apparent injury. Making their livelihoods will be hard and profits from commerce low. The weather will grow colder and it will snow. Crops will burn. The kids of goats will die. The people who are in the North and in the region in which the comet ascended will suffer adversity. Roads will be blocked and robbers will increase in number. Good and pious men will be humiliated. People will treat each other with increasing injustice.

If it appears in the sign of Aquarius, there will be a great mortality, annihilation, plague, and murder amongst the populace. Everything will be cheap, including fruits, oil, wheat and [other] grains. Men will be afflicted with a severe bout of melancholia [and leprosy].\(^13\) One of the kings of the East will die. The weather will become changeable and foul, causing the death of many. Fear will be caused by frequent thunder, lightning flashes (barq), and terrifying lightning strikes (ṣawāʿiq). Fearful agitation\(^14\) will be prevalent.

If it appears in the sign of Pisces, a great nation of the South-East will perish. An unprecedented innovation in religion [i.e., heresy] will become the norm, contrary to the law [of Islam]. One religious community will convert into another. Men of religion and piety will fight with men of the lowliest rank, and the people will be divided. Poverty and want will be the lot of those fearing the things forbidden by God. Deception, treachery, and malevolence will

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\(^8\) The term al-ajhām designates red, swollen, and burning eyes, and was applied particularly in a condition found in animals; see Kazimirski 1960. It does not appear to be an ailment described in the numerous ophthalmological manuals for humans.

\(^9\) The term ʿāhah covers blight, mildew, and other plant diseases.

\(^10\) The word al-khamr (wine) is undotted in copy A. The later copies have variant readings: D reads ‘honey and a young crop of grain or rains (al-ʿasal wa-l-khadīr aw al-amṭār),’ copy B reads ‘honey and rain or rains (al-ʿasal wa-l-qāṭr aw al-amṭār),’ and copy M reads ‘honey and rains (al-ʿasal wa-l-amṭār).’

\(^11\) The word al-bida’ means any innovations or novelties, but in particular can refer to new and usually heretical religious doctrines.

\(^12\) For madness (jāmīn), delusions (waswās), and epilepsy (ṣarʿ), see Dols 1992.

\(^13\) In the three later copies, leprosy (al-judhām) is added to melancholia (al-sawādā) as a severe ailment afflicting the population; for both these conditions in medieval Islam, see Dols 1992.

\(^14\) al-raffāt, trembling with fear.
spread, while the virtuous will die. A father will not rejoice in his child or in his property. All sources of revenue will be lost, plants will rot, and fish will die from a disease that will afflict them. Only God knows His mysteries.

**Their Individual Effects, As Related by Ptolemy, When They Appear in Isolation**

He [Ptolemy] said: Concerning the appearance of the one called al-fāris (the rider). Its temperament is that of Venus, and it is uniquely associated with it. Its magnitude is like that of the Moon when full, and it travels fast in the sky. It has a recognizable mane like the mane of a horse, and it flings its rays backwards. It traverses the twelve signs of the zodiac. When it appears, kings and tyrants fall, and great affairs are subject to change, especially in the region towards which the tail is inclined. What is meant by the expression 'having the temperament of Venus' is not that it shares Venus’s properties, but only that it resembles Venus in its colour, its brightness, and its beauty. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 001, p. 252]

‘urf al-faras (the mane of the horse)  

Concerning the appearance of the one called al-ḥarbah (the lance). It is associated with Mercury. It has a radiant colour, between yellow and sky-blue. It is an elongated yellow star, with rays. When it appears in the East, it indicates that kings will act treacherously towards their subjects in the East, and towards those in the West when it appears in the West. Evil will perturb these regions, and frightful omens, storms, and signs will appear in the sky. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 002, p. 252]

al-ḥarbah (the lance)  

Concerning the appearance of the comet known as al-miṣbāh (the lamp), associated with Mars: It is an elongated inverted red star, with a dangling tail. When it appears in the East, it indicates a severe famine in that region as well as conflagration, war, bloodshed, and many lightning strikes. A fire without any known source will destroy trees, thickets, and living quarters, and it will burn the palaces of kings, especially those they built for themselves. The fire will destroy the fruits on the trees, and will desiccate the springs and the rivers. The red glow on the horizon will increase, and so will the glow of the stars and the flashes of lightning. If the comet appears in the West or in the South, it indicates a war in the center of that region, carrying with it much calamity, discord, war, and destruction of crops in the West. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 003, p. 251]

al-miṣbāh (the lamp)  

Concerning the appearance of the star known as al-ḥiyānī (the long-bearded one), associated with Jupiter. It has beautiful rays, shining with lumi-

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15 In this section the subject is comets whose appearance is not related to a particular sign of the zodiac, but rather may occur at any location. They are given distinctive names and are each illustrated. Though Ptolemy is cited as a source for this section, no precise parallel has been found. The sources for the indentifications of comet-names are provided in the Glossary of Star-Names, under the name of the specific comet.

16 This name, meaning 'the horseman, rider, or cavalier' corresponds to the name ḫṣaṣṣ (horseman) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The name al-fāris also occurs as a comet-name in later Arabic sources, and in early Latin treatises its equivalent is miles. This paragraph is a slightly expanded version of that given by the Baghdadi astrologer Ibn Hibintā (d. after 377/920), though Ibn Hibintā’s chapter has no illustrations; see Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:3629–12 and 2:140–41.

17 This name, meaning 'the lance, or spear' corresponds to the name ḫṣaṣṣ (sword-shaped) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The term al-ḥarbah occurs as a comet-name in later Arabic/Persian sources, while its equivalent in early Latin treatises is ascone/ascione/aszcona. This paragraph is closely related to that given by Ibn Hibintā, though Ibn Hibintā’s chapter has no illustrations and he calls this tailed star al-nayzak rather than al-ḥarbah.
ous whiteness that resembles an alloy of silver and gold. It has great fragmentation,²² and because of the greatness of its fragmentation, it does not remain [whole] long enough for men to see it, nor is it able to be observed. It is likened to an image of a man. Whenever this comet appears in this form and casts its rays, it indicates well-being as well as fertility in the countryside and the region in which it had appeared, especially if Jupiter was in Pisces, Cancer or Scorpio. In such a case, the fertility of the soil will be abundant and life will be easy. People will treat each other kindly, and evil deeds will be rare. Dignitaries and men of noble lineage will be given respect and accorded a lofty rank. The kings will love the merchants and their subjects, who will live justly and prosper. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 004, p. 250]

\textit{al-liḥyānī} (the long-bearded one) \[\text{[illustration]}\]

Concerning the appearance of the comet known as \textit{al-qaṣʾāḥ} (the bowl),²³ associated with Saturn: Its colours are yellow and black, like Saturn. It is round, and has great rays along its circumference. The flames around it resemble small locks of hair. Its appearance heralds the onset of warfare, discord, and strife in every country, as well as the death of many kings following the death of one of the great rulers of world together with his children and entourage. Degradation will befall people in the cities, the countryside, and the marshes, the labourers, artisans, and the men of lowly professions. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 005, p. 249]

\textit{al-qaṣʾāḥ} (the bowl) \[\text{[illustration]}\]

\textit{al-liḥyānī}, but rather \textit{a-tb-r-kh-y-s} in the first instance and \textit{al-biṣṣū} in the second, the latter being another name for Jupiter as well as a star group of uncertain identity, either in Auriga or Perseus (Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:362–363 and 2:419–2). A later Persian list of comets includes one called \textit{Bīṣṣū} (like Jupiter), but it also includes at the same time another comet named \textit{Liḥyānī}.

²² Reading the Arabic as \textit{nabdīh} or \textit{nubadī}, meaning a portion of a larger whole, or fragments, and in this context it may mean dispersion into smaller parts resulting in an apparent hoariness (see Lane 1863, 275). The verb \textit{n-b-dh} means to hurl something away or throw something backwards, behind oneself, and in this context it could refer to the comet’s tail, though its significance here is obscure.

²³ This name, meaning ‘the vessel or bowl’ corresponds to the name \textit{mēsē} (a large wine jar) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The comet-name \textit{al-qaṣʾāḥ} seems to be continued in later Arabic/Persian sources, and its comparable comet-name in early Latin treatises is \textit{scutella}. This paragraph is an expanded version of an unillustrated paragraph by Ibn Hibintā.

Concerning the appearance of the comet known as \textit{al-muwarrad} (the rosy one).²⁴ It is slightly reddish, and its colour resembles an alloy of gold and silver. It is large and pretty. [It is also called] the star of the frivolous maiden (\textit{al-jāriyah al-rīnā}),²⁵ as its face looks like a human face suffused with pallor, with rays around its head. It is a beautiful star, its splendor a delight to the eye. When it appears, it indicates the demise of grandees and that the affairs of the world are changing for the better. It indicates the release of prisoners and of the captives held in the lands of the Greeks, and amelioration in the affairs of the subjects and the friends of God. It is injurious to immoral and old women.²⁶ This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 006, p. 248]

\textit{al-muwarrad} (the rosy one) \[\text{[illustration]}\]

Concerning the appearance of the comet known as \textit{ṭayfūr}.²⁸ It has an ugly appearance. It is round, black on the inside and red on the outside. It contains an image and flares, and it is likened to the devil. It possesses no beauty, and it travels slowly in the sky,

²⁴ The name \textit{al-muwarrad} (the rosy one) used in our manuscript A is confirmed by the later copy M, although the two other later copies, D and B, write the name as \textit{al-mawrīd} (suffering a fever periodically). There is no comparable name in the late-antique lists of Greek comet-names. The comet-name \textit{al-wardī} (rosy), however, occurs in the treatise on comets attributed to Ḥunayn ibn Išāq and also in a later Arabic/Persian source. A comparable Latin comet-name (\textit{rosa}) is found in early Latin treatises.

²⁵ Reading \textit{al-jāriyah al-rīnā} (the fickle or frivolous maiden), an interpretation corroborated by all the later copies. The two words, however, carry no diacritic dots in our manuscript A.

²⁶ This paragraph is an expanded version of the unillustrated discourse by Ibn Hibintā, who does not, however, give \textit{al-muwarrad} or \textit{al-mawrīd} or \textit{al-wardī} as its name. For this tailed star, Ibn Hibintā gives only the alternative name given here—\textit{al-jāriyah} (the maiden)—with no modifying adjective; he says it has the color of a rose, and in his first mention of it the word \textit{al-jāriyah} is written without dots (as it is also here in copy A of the Book of Curiosities).

²⁷ In the three later copies, the illustration for the previous comet \textit{(al-qaṣʾāḥ)} has been given a smiling face with rays around its head, and it is likely that the later copyists confused the illustration for the previous comet with an illustration for the present one.

²⁸ The meaning of the name \textit{ṭayfūr} is obscure. It possibly corresponds to the Greek word for typhoon (\textit{τυφῶν}), which is also one of the ten comet-names given in late-antique lists. The comet-name \textit{ṭayfūr} also occurs in the treatise on comets attributed to Ḥunayn ibn Išāq and in a later Arabic/Persian source. There is no comparable Latin comet-name. This paragraph is an expanded version of the illustrated text of Ibn Hibintā. The text is also closely related to that produced later by the Egyptian astronomer ʿAbd Allāh ibn Ahmad al-Maqdisī al-Hanbali (fl. c. 1675), where it is also illustrated (see King 1986, 105 no. D45 and pl. LXXXIV).
with a mane behind it. It descends\(^\text{29}\) after the Sun along a northern course. Its appearance indicates a widespread evil, soaring prices, rotting of fruits, and the destruction of lowly people, robbers, slanderers, poisonous animals, and other animals harmful to men, such as wild beasts and crocodiles. Moreover, it will better any malice in human hearts, and cause men and women to fall in love. It will cause the demise of cattle. Minerals and medicaments, such as the myrobalans and the like,\(^\text{30}\) will become expensive. The kings of the East and the West will perish. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 007, p. 248]

\[\text{tayfūr}\]  

[illustration]

Concerning the appearance of the star known as \textit{al-habashi} (the Ethiopian)\(^\text{31}\) and as \textit{al-liḥyānī} (the long-bearded).\(^\text{32}\) It never appears within the band of zodiac, but further to the North. Both these stars indicate famine, scarcity of rain, and the ruin and devastation of human habitat. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 008, p. 247]

\[\text{al-habashi (the Ethiopian)}\]  

[illustration]

Concerning the appearance of \textit{al-saffūd} (the skewer),\(^\text{33}\) which is near.\(^\text{34}\) It is small and round, and its colour shades into a very pure red inside whiteness. It is elongated and tall. Both its ends are similar to each other, but there is thinness at its base and a crookedness. Its colour is pure, and its flares are weak. During its ascent, it burns day and night in a heavy smokeless fire. The sandstorms will become fierce. When it appears during a season of the year that comes with heat or cold, the weather conditions during this season will become more extreme. The sages have likened it to a tall and stupid man. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 009, p. 247]

\[\text{al-saffūd (the skewer)}\]  

[illustration]

Concerning the ascent of \textit{al-khābiyah} (the cask).\(^\text{35}\) It is a star that looks exactly like a cask. Some have identified the comet known as \textit{al-liḥyānī}\(^\text{36}\) with \textit{al-khābiyah}. Its effects depend on the extent of its position [in the sky]. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 010, p. 247]

\[\text{al-khābiyah (the cask)}\]  

[illustration]

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\(^{29}\) Ibn Hibintā reads ‘it appears’ (مار) rather than ‘descends’; see Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1363 and 2342.

\(^{30}\) The plum-like fruits of several varieties of myrobalan, a genus of tropical trees, came to be used extensively in compound remedies as well as in the dyeing and tanning industries; for medicinal uses, see Levey 1966, 342 no. 314. While the myrobalans are an important medieval Islamic medicament, \textit{Ptolemy} (see fig. 1.6 no. 004). In both the present entry, and the parable discussion in ibn Hibintā, and there is no comparable comet-name in later Arabic/Persian sources. There is no comparable discussion in Ibn Hibintā, and there is no comparable early Latin comet-name. The text presented here, however, is also closely related to that produced later by the Egyptian astronomer ʿAbd Allāh Ibn Ahmad al-Maqdisī al-Ḥanbalī; see King 1986, 105 no. D45 and pl. LXXXIV.

\(^{31}\) This paragraph is related to two brief, unillustrated, statements given by Ibn Hibintā. In both the present text and that of Ibn Hibintā there is some confusion over the names assigned the comet and whether there are one or two ‘tailed stars’ under discussion. The first name given in our text, \textit{al-habashi}, is clearly written in the later copies D and M, though in the early copy A it has no diacritical dots and in the later B it reads \textit{al-hashī} (shortness of breath, or, the interior). The name as written in copy A could also be read as \textit{al-bisi}, which is a comet-name given in a later Persian treatise. There appears to be no late-antique equivalent for this comet-name, nor a comparable Latin name.

\(^{32}\) The second name given in our text, \textit{al-liḥyānī} (the long-bearded one), was also the name of another, separate, comet provided as the fourth in the present list of comets known to Ptolemy (see fig. 1.6 no. 004). In both the present entry, and the earlier one, the name read here as \textit{al-liḥyānī} is written in copy A without diacritical dots (except for the \textit{nūn}), while the later copies D and M read either \textit{al-liḥyānī} or \textit{al-lujaynī} (with copy \textit{nūn}), while the later \textit{equate to a Latin comet-name \textit{gebia}, or \textit{gebea}, though the Latin texts say that the comet is also known as \textit{tenaculum} (Thornedike 1950, 24–25, 44, 93, and 124). There is also a category of tailed star known as \textit{al-jābiyah} (a pool or basin of water), and it might be equal to a Latin comet-name \textit{gebea}, or \textit{gebia}, though the Latin texts say that the comet is also known as \textit{tenaculum} (Thornedike 1950, 24–25, 44, 93, and 124). There is also a category of tailed star known as \textit{al-jābiyah} (a pool or basin of water), and it might be equal to a Latin comet-name \textit{gebea}, or \textit{gebia}, though the Latin texts say that the comet is also known as \textit{tenaculum} (Thornedike 1950, 24–25, 44, 93, and 124).

\(^{33}\) This name, \textit{al-saffūd} may correspond to the name δοκίς (a beam or a poker) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The Greek term δοκίς or δοκίς was also applied to auroral phenomena (Stothers 1979, 90). A \textit{al-saffūd} occurs as a comet-name in later Arabic/Persian sources. There is no comparable discussion in Ibn Hibintā, and there is no comparable early Latin comet-name. The text presented here, however, is also closely related to that produced later by the Egyptian astronomer ʿAbd Allāh Ibn Ahmad al-Maqdisī al-Ḥanbalī; see King 1986, 105 no. D45 and pl. LXXXIV.

\(^{34}\) The sense of this phrase is unclear. Perhaps it means that it is expected soon. The closely related seventeenth-century text of ʿAbd Allāh Ibn Ahmad al-Maqdisī al-Ḥanbalī reads \textit{abyad qarib} (nearly white?); see Cairo, Dār al-Kutub Ms Miqāt 729, fol. 114, reproduced in King 1986, 105 no. D45 and pl. LXXXIV.

\(^{35}\) The comet-name \textit{al-khābiyah} is not recorded elsewhere and there is no comparable term in the late-antique comet lists. The name is fully dotted in all later copies and precisely written as \textit{al-khābiyah}. If the name were read as \textit{al-jābiyah}, it might correspond to the name \textit{δοκίας} (Thornedike 1950, 24–25, 44, 93, and 124). There is also a category of tailed star known as \textit{al-jābiyah} (a pool or basin of water), and it is possible that a generic term for comets was applied here to an individual one; see Kennedy 1980, 163. There is no comparable discussion in Ibn Hibintā. The text presented here, however, is also closely related to that produced later by the Egyptian astronomer ʿAbd Allāh Ibn Ahmad al-Maqdisī al-Ḥanbalī; see King 1986, 105 no. D45 and pl. LXXXIV.

\(^{36}\) Or \textit{al-lujaynī}, following the form given in the three later copies, D, B, and M.
As for the red, round star surrounded by a dark blackness, the Indians say that it is seen in their lands. They call it *al-kayd* (the deception). It ascends in their lands like a huge sack. It is one of the most inauspicious and ill-omened stars, and the most disruptive of essential needs. The ancient nations that have perished, such as ʿĀd and Thamūd, the people of Madyan, and the generation of Noah, all perished when this star appeared. The Indians believe that no other star brings destruction as this one, and that is more ominous than the conjunction of Mars with Saturn. This is what it looks like: [see fig. 1.6 no. 01, p. 246]

*al-kayd* (the deception) [illustration]

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37 The subject of this paragraph, the famous fictitious star called *al-kayd*, received special attention from Ibn Hibintā, who appears to be the first person to mention it. There appears to be no late-antique equivalent for this comet-name nor a comparable Latin name. Ibn Hibintā devoted a large sub-chapter to it and said that this tailed star appears every 100 years and travels retrograde, like the lunar nodes, through the zodiac, making one sign in twelve years. Ibn Hibintā, however, provides no illustration.

38 The ʿĀd were an ancient tribe, mentioned in the Qurʾān, said to have lived immediately after the time of Noah; see *EP*, art. “ʿĀd” (F. Buhl). The Thamūd were an old Arabian tribe that disappeared before the rise of Islam; see *EP*, art. “Thamūd” (Irfan Shahid).

39 In the Qurʾān, following Old Testament accounts, the people of Madyan are said to have been punished for not believing their prophet Shuʿayb; see *EP*, art. “Madyan Shuʿayb” (C. E. Bosworth).

40 The later copies D, B, and M have illustrated it with a rectangle having the words *aswād bi-ṣufrah* (black with yellow) written within.
[1] Among them is a star called hawwās [?] (the night-walker),3 which looks like this:

[six stars in two columns of four and two]

[2] A star called t-l-ā-f-s [?]4 It resembles a man6 with a censer.6 It always flickers and is never steady. This is what it looks like:

[four stars, three in one row, with the fourth to one side].

[3] Two adjacent stars, which Hermes called al-dalāʾîl (the omens). They are near the [asterism] called al-fakkah,7 and their Greek name is ‘arʿar (juniper).8 This is what they look like:

[two stars, one larger than the other].

[4] A southern star, yellow tending toward red, of saffron-like hue.9 It is called al-ḍāmin (the guarantor)10 and is located along the path of al-shiʿrā al-yamāniyah (Sirius). This is how it looks:

[one star surrounded by five small ones (A), or six stars arranged pyramidally (D, B, M)]

[5] Three stars that look like ingots11 or like a tripod. They are at a distance from banāt arwā (the daughters of the antelope).12 This is what they look like:

[three stars in triangular arrangement]

[6] Two stars in front of al-kaft al-khadīb (the dyed hand),13 one of them bright and the other obscure. They are known as al-khaṣm (the adversary).14 Hermes called them al-kaibāyn (the two dogs), and Ptolemy called them al-halas (the carpet). This is what they look like:

[two stars]

[7] A large star that looks like a table and has a radiant colour. It is surrounded by twelve small stars that encircle it. Hermes called this group of stars al-ṣawārikh, while the Greeks call it khū māris [?].15 It passes through Aries every forty, though some say sixty, solar years. For every two orbits of Saturn in the sky, it orbits the sky once. When it resides in Aries, people of this sign enjoy contentment and happiness. Those who are born in the

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1 MS A, fol. 14b12; MS D, fol. 39a3; MS B, fol. 13a16; and MS M, fols. 44a3.
2 The Arabic al-harbah (small lances or darts) is corroborated by MS M, while copies D and B have the singular al-barbah. The phrase al-kawākib al-khāfiyyah dhawāt al-harbah al-marsūmah, translated here as 'obscure stars having faint lances' is more literally rendered as 'obscure stars with impressed (or lightly-traced) lances'. It is a classification of comets or meteors not found in other recorded literature. The common phrase for comets and meteors is al-kawākib dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah, and those with extensions in front (dhawāt al-hirāb).
3 The name of this star-group, or comet or meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. The name is written as hawwās, without any diacritics, though the later three copies write it as h-w-s. For hawwās as 'night-walker', see Hava 1964, 149.
4 The name of this star-group, or comet or meteor, is otherwise unrecorded.
5 Following the early copy A; the later copies read Saturn (zukat).
6 Reading the Arabic word as kubwah. If vocalised as kubwah, the word can mean 'dust', in addition to its more usual sense of a tumble or fall; it can also mean a variety of the plant euphorbia (Dozy 1881, 2449).
7 The Bedouin name for the ring of eight stars forming the constellation Corona Borealis.
8 The pair of stars said to be called al-dalāʾîl by Hermes, and ‘arʿar by the Greeks, are unidentified. It is not recorded in the published literature.
9 The Arabic reads khalīqi, probably referring to a thick perfume called khaliq composed of saffron and other ingredients, giving it a yellowish-reddish colour (see Lane 1863, 802).
10 This star, or meteor or comet, is unidentified. It is not recorded in the published literature.
11 The Arabic text reads sābāʾih, meaning ingots or pieces of gold or silver (Lane 1863, 1300). An alternative reading is sanābik, meaning the extremities of a scabbard or sword, or the extremities of the strings securing the upper corners of the face-veil (barqua’); see Lane 1863, 1440.
12 This unnamed group of three stars is unidentified. In addition, the banāt arwā (daughters of the antelope) are also an unidentified star group whose name also does not occur in other recorded literature.
13 The 'dyed hand' referred to five stars in the constellation Cassiopeia, βγζτ Cassiopeiae, forming the well-known W-shaped asterism.
14 The name al-khaṣm could also be vocalised as al-khaṣm meaning the side or extremity of something (Lane 1863, 755). This star-name is unrecorded in the published literature, as are the names said to be given to the comet/meteor by Hermes and Ptolemy.
15 Neither the name attributed to Hermes nor that assigned to the Greeks is recorded in the published literature.
first decade of Aries will be blessed with joy, elevation, great authority, power, wealth, and high rank amongst the rulers. This is what it looks like:

[one large star surrounded by eight small ones (A); one large with ten small (D, B); one large with eleven small (M)]

[8] A black, injurious, obscure star. It swiftly runs its course in the middle of the Milky Way (al-majarrah), and then quickly disappears. Ptolemy likened it to Mercury, and named it al-ʿatāf (the trap). When it resides in a sign of the zodiac it is harmful to a person of that sign and brings him grief and sorrow, and he is not safe from being denounced before the ruler. But the star resides in each sign of the zodiac for no more than a week every thirty years. It may, however, sometimes return to the sign after it had left it. For this reason, it is named ‘the trap’ (al-ʿatāf), as it is not injurious during its [first] passage, but much more harmful when it returns. This is what it looks like:

[one star]

[9] Another star, with six beautiful, brilliant, and luminous stars behind it. They are not in any particular shape, but form a slightly crooked line. Hermes has called this star al-nāḍīḥ (the water-carrying camel), and Ptolemy al-nawāḍīḥ (the water-carrying camels). It is an auspicious and favorable star, appearing once every forty years. Its orbit is near the orbit of Jupiter. Its colour and temperament resembles that of Jupiter. Whenever it enters a sign of the zodiac, a person of that sign enjoys good fortune, prosperity, and joy. This is what it looks like:

[eight stars in a snake formation (A); eight stars in a ‘T’ formation (D, B); six stars in a ‘T’ formation (M)]

[10] Two rosy (muwarrad) northern stars. They are found at the margins of the ‘Great Path’ [?], above the Milky Way (al-majarrah). Their form in the sky resembles two branches under the leg of the lion. They are two inauspicious stars, belonging to the bawāṭir. Hermes called them al-murawwiʿah (the fearsome) and Ptolemy called them tīmā. They bring bad luck whenever they reside in a zodiacal sign, but that occurs only once in twenty-one years. This is what they look like:

[two stars]

[11] Three obscure stars that rise from the South along the path of Suhayl (Canopus) but at the edge of its orbit. This is what they look like:

[three stars in a triangular arrangement]

[12] Nearby them in their course, and immediately following them, there are also distinct, obscure, black stars. They are arranged like a circle, in the shape of a broken ring, as if they are comets. They traverse the heavens once in two hundred years. Hermes called them al-ṭawālīʾ (the rising stars). They are auspicious for all the signs of the zodiac. Whoever looks at them at the beginning of the year will not be infected with eye-disease during that year, nor will he suffer pains in the head, and especially not in the eyes. Whoever keeps on looking at them will never go blind.

[five stars in a half-circle, or (in copy M) five stars in two rows of three and two]

[13] A southern star with three radiant stars underneath it. They are called al-ʿaṣṣār (the presser of

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16 That is, the first ten degrees of Aries; the Arabic term wajh means literally ‘face’.
17 This name for a comet or meteor (or for a star) is unrecorded in the published literature.
18 Al-nāḍīḥ is a camel (or ass or oxen) that drives a water-raising machine at a well (Lane 1863, 2807). The name assigned to Ptolemy is simply the plural of that assigned to Hermes. The names are written without diacritics in the early copy A, while the later copies (D, B, M) read the names as al-nāṣiḥ and al-nawāḍīḥ, which is the singular and plural of a word having several meanings, including an advisor or councillor, a tailor or needle-worker, and someone pure of heart (Lane 1863, 2802). The employment of these names for a star-group or comet/meteor is otherwise unrecorded.
in groups of four, three and two [shining stars. Whenever they dissipate in the sign of Cancer, they bring about a year of profits and fertility of the land. Happiness and joy will prevail in every sign of the zodiac in which they occur. They traverse the heavens every]²³² seven solar years. This is what they look like:

[seven stars in two rows of four above and three below, with two additional to the left; later copies D, B, M: nine stars in three rows of three, with the middle row pulled toward the left]

[16] A shining star, whose colour is mixed with green. It always flickers and is never steady, as a result of its proximity to Earth and the abundance of air between it and us. Alongside it are two luminous stars curving away from it. This pair of stars is inauspicious for water and crops. Whenever they descend through a sign in opposition³³ to Aquarius, a year of thirst, barrenness, and drought will follow. This is what they look like:

[three stars in a triangular arrangement]

[17] A star located towards the rear of Cancer. It is red, luminous and very brilliant, and is near al-kaff al-jadhmāt' (the cut-off hand).³⁴ It has a pleasing motion and remains isolated.³⁵ Hermes said: He who rotated the sphere and burdened it with a heavy weight binds with an oath truthfully. Whoever sees this star and observes it every night will never know misery in his lifetime and will forever be happy and joyous. This star has various indications and omens. Whenever it enters the sign of Virgo, the person of this sign becomes wealthy and has good fortune for many years, and his prestige and power among his contemporaries will be equal to none. It has a slow course and traverses the heavens in its own orbit, once every one hundred years. This is what it looks like:

[a single star]

[18] A luminous large³⁶ star which is encircled by seven stars in the form of a necklace. Its rays, when three mourning daughters that was envisioned in two different areas of the sky: in the constellation Ursae Major and in Ursa Minor. It is likely that the three stars in Ursa Major (ηζ Ursae Majoris) are intended here.

²⁵ The text between the square brackets is missing from the published literature.

²⁶ The later copies (d, B, M) write the name as shayf, in the larger dog, that is sirius, rather than Procyon.

²⁷ The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in published literature.

²⁸ The term muqābil refers to it being 180° away.

²⁹ In the Bedouin tradition, six stars in the head and neck of the constellation Cetus (λοξουρώσεις) were collectively called 'the cut-off hand' (al-kaff al-jadhmāt).

³⁰ Literally, ‘expanding’ (yunni).
they glow, almost obscure its surroundings. Its path follows that of al-shirā’ al-sha’mīyah (Procyon), but deviates slightly. It is known as al-qū’im (the upright). It traverses its orbit every one hundred years. Whenever it enters the sign of Scorpio, it causes in that year discord, bloodshed, wars, widespread killing, calamities, destruction, ruin, and death on land and sea through thirst, hunger, and the sword. Hermes called it al-hattāk (the ripper). This is the star that appeared in the days of the khārijite Abū Rakwah, when, following its ascent, one hundred thousand men died by the sword, by drowning, by starvation, and by thirst. This is what it looks like:

[one large star surrounded by six smaller stars; in copy M the larger star is surrounded by seven small stars]

[19] Another star called al-mukhālaṭ (the infected, or, the mixed). These are two stars, with three small blue and obscure stars below them. They have rays and brightness and are auspicious. When they reside in the sign of Pisces, water and marine creatures, as well as sweet-water fish, will be abundant that year; they will be caught in great numbers. The crops will grow and the mosquitoes will be abundant. Whenever it resides in any of the signs of the zodiac, it produces affliction and calamity for the person of that sign, and causes him to stand before a tyrannical and oppressive ruler. Ptolemy called it al-muşlim (the evil-doer). This is its shape:

[a single star]

[20] A yellow star under the orbit of the Moon. Whenever it is in the southern lunar mansions it brings bad luck to wherever it resides. It is called al-dāhish (the unsettled). It completes its orbit every year. Whenever it resides in any of the signs of the zodiac, it produces affliction and calamity for the person of that sign, and causes him to stand before a tyrannical and oppressive ruler. Ptolemy called it al-muşlim (the evil-doer). This is its shape:

[21] Six radiant stars positioned slightly to the South, well arranged. They complete their orbit every ten years, and then move from one zodiacal sign to another. When they occupy Libra in particular, justice and equity will prevail that year. All men will enjoy happiness and will be kindly treated by their rulers and judges. The good omens of these stars are well-known. Hermes called them al-mustamiddāt (the extended ?). This is how they look:

[six stars, a row of four above a row of two (in A); in D, B, M: two rows of three stars]

[22] Two stars on an imperfect course, near al-tawābī. They are obscure, barely perceptible to the eye as they appear and disappear. They are, however, auspicious stars. Whenever they reside in Taurus, the person of that sign will enjoy good fortune for forty years. Hermes called them al-rākhībayn (the two riders), and this is what they look like: [two stars]. They traverse the heavens every twelve years.

[23] A star located on the same course as Saturn in terms of its altitude and course. Its saffron-like hue resembles that of Suhayl (Canopus). It is known as

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37 al-shirā’ al-sha’mīyah is a Canis Minoris, also known as Procyon, the eighth brightest star. The Arabic means ‘the northern shirā’, from the traditional legend of two Sirius: Sirius, the southern shirā in the Lesser Dog, and Procyon, the northern shirā in the larger Dog, who were sisters of Canopus (subayl).

38 This name for a comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

39 The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

40 Walid ibn Hishām Abū Rakwah (d. 297/1007) was a leader of a rebellion against the Fatimid Caliph al-Hākim that lasted from 905 until his execution in Cairo. Abū Rakwah claimed to be related to the Umayyads of Spain, whose aim was to re-establish the Umayyad dynasty; see EP, art. ‘al-Hākim bi-Amr Allāh’ (M. Canard). He was not, of course, a khārijite, but this was a common derogatory term.

41 The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

42 Reading al-mukhālaṭ as in the later copies (D, B, M); in the earlier copy A, the word is written without diacritical dots. According to Lane 1863, 227, and also Hava 1964, 39, ba’udī (sing. ba’udah) refers to mosquitoes or gnats.

43 The later copies (D, B, M) write the name as al-nawāsī, while the earlier copy A writes it as al-nawāsī (listulas). Neither name is found in the context of comets or stars elsewhere in the published literature.

44 The name of this comet/meteor, al-dāhish (the unsettled, or the amazed or astonished), is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

45 The name, said to be used by Ptolemy, is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

46 The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

47 Interpreting fi majrā al-fasād as meaning that the course of the two stars was an imperfect and disrupted one. The term al-fasād might also be interpreted as an otherwise unrecorded and unidentified star-name.

48 The star-name al-tawābī was used also in Book One Chapter Five (nos. 041 and 048) and later again in Chapter Nine. It refers to at least four different groups of stars (see the Glossary of Star-Names). Insufficient information is provided in the description of this comet to determine what star-group is intended in this context.

49 The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

50 The Arabic reads shirā, probably referring to a thick perfume called khulq composed of saffron and other ingredients, giving it a yellowish-reddish colour (Lane 1863, 802).
al-zīmām (the bridle). Hermes called it al-qāʾid (the commander) and also al-rāmī (the archer). When it appears, it casts light and large rays over the horizon. Its tail extends behind it for a length of about one hundred cubits. It appears every one hundred years. It is auspicious, bringing about happiness and joy. This is what it looks like:

[see fig. 1.7, no. 001, p. 237]

[24] Another star known as ‘the star of the tail’ (kawkab al-dhanab) that is radiant and appears every one hundred and seven years. It brings about pestilence, killing, and high prices. Its colour is red, with elements of black. It fades as it moves westward, and it has three tails. This is what it looks like:

[see fig. 1.7, no. 002, p. 237]

[25] Another star, known as al-waqqād (the stoker), that has a tail and a long off-shoot. The latter is so large that it conceals the star itself from view. Instead, one sees in the sky an extended band of light. It appears in the winter, during nights of thunder and lightning, as white light between the clouds. It appears every fifty years. This is what it looks like:

[see fig. 1.7, no. 003, p. 237]

[26] Two stars adhering to each other, known as al-muṭaniqayn (the embracing couple). They have a beautiful tail that casts flames and sparks of fire. It is also known as the lamb’s fat-tail (alyat al-hamal). When they appear they stay for seven days, then disappear and then reappear again after another week. They appear at the start of every forty years, and they indicate fertility, virtuousness, and prosperity, especially if they occur in Pisces during the early days of a new month. This is what they look like:

[see fig. 1.7, no. 004, p. 236]

[27] A star called al-rāmīh (the lancer) by Hermes. It also has three distinct tails. When it appears, it causes damage to kings, and especially to the ruler of the land in whose region it occurs. It indicates destruction, pestilence, killing of people, ruin, wars, high prices, shortage of water, and corruption of the crops and cattle. In particular, if it appears in the sign of Mars, or opposite it or in quartile aspect, and Venus is also with it, it indicates that the most vile and despicable men will become insolent and will spread more abominations than will be rectified. But if Venus is at its lowest point of influence, and Mars is far away or falling, matters will be the opposite of what we have described—that is, virtuousness and tranquility will prevail. This is what it looks like:

[see fig. 1.7, no. 005, p. 236]

These are the entire twenty-eight comets mentioned by Hermes as having a profound effect at times of birth, sometimes undermining actions without being noticed and sometimes bringing success without being detected. Each of these stars appears to have a wisp of a tail. If the star is in front of the Sun, the tail is in front; if the star is behind the Sun, the tail is behind it; if it appears in the West, its tail extends to the East. This is because its nature becomes visible through [the presence of] the Sun. If any of the tail appears within the burnt path [that is, Libra and Scorpio], then its rays are large and extensive, but it quickly fades away and disappears. If it appears on the margins of the orbit, which is the orbit of the Sun—that is to say, the northern part of the zodiacal band—it is clearly visible. It remains visible there for a period of time, moving from [one sign of the zodiac to another] and residing [in that sign]. But if it appears in the South, it is barely visible and disappears quickly.

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\*51 As names for comets or meteors, neither of these names is found in the published literature. The name qāʾid occurs elsewhere in this treatise as part of various star-names, and al-zīmām also occurs in other stellar contexts (see the Glossary of Star-Names).

\*52 The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature. The general description suggests auroral phenomena rather than a comet.

\*53 The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

\*54 Reading al-rāmīh (a lancer or thrower of the javelin), as written in the later copies D, B, and M; the earlier copy A reads al-rūmah (the lance). The name of this comet/meteor is not found elsewhere in the published literature.

\*55 Quartile aspect (turbi’) means 90° away, while ‘opposition’ (muqabalah) means 180° distant.

\*56 The technical term ḥābit means to be in ‘dejection’, when it has least influence.

\*57 The term sāqīt usually refers to being in the third, sixth, ninth, or twelfth house of a horoscope; see Qabīṣī 2004, 48–49.

\*58 Here called by the usual term ‘stars possessing wisps of tails’ (al-kawākib dhawāṭ al-dhawāʾib). Only twenty-seven are actually described and illustrated here, rather than twenty-eight as specified in the text.

\*59 The burnt path (al-tarīqah al-muḥtaraqah) is a term for Libra and Scorpio (Abū Ma’shār 1994, 53–59).
Saturn: Its Persian name is kaywân, its Indian name is b-sh-n-s, its Byzantine name is b-a-t-m-y-a-s,5 its Greek name is aqrûnûs (Κρόνος), and its Indian name is al-âdhh.6 It is a male, ill-omened, dual, diurnal planet. It rejoices in the twelfth [house].7 Its area of influence is nine degrees.8 Its sphere is the first sphere.9

__THE EIGHTH CHAPTER ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PLANETS,2__ their influences, special characteristics, and dimensions, along with the manner of their pictorial representations3 and their various names4

Its fardâriyâh (period of life) is ten years.10 Its great years are 57 years; its mean years are 30; and its least years are 18 and a half.11 Its exaltation is at twenty-one degrees in Libra, and its dejection at twenty-one degrees Aries.12 Its parts of the human body are the right ear, the spleen, the kidneys, the hair, the anus, the intestines, and the bones.13 Its trait is dishonesty. Its food is anything that has a revolting flavour, such as myrobalan and the like. Its material is iron. Its colour is pure yellow. Its scent is anything old. Its flavour is saltiness. Its clothes are black and red. Its beasts are elephants, monkeys, wolves, pigs, a-l-k-n-f-a-sh,14 and black cats.

Its birds are ravens, eagles, plovers, and all birds with long necks. Its natural elements are black slime, clay, hail, snow, and dry land. Its types of land formations are mountains, rocks, and rugged ground. Its trees are all those having a bitter and stinky fragrance. The successful ventures associated with this planet are cultivating fertile and desert lands, digging wells and rivers, and buying property. Its day of the week is Saturday, during the first and the eighth

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1 MS A, fol. 164\(a\), MS D fol. 444\(a\), MS M fol. 50a. This chapter is not preserved in the Karshuni copy B.

2 The title actually reads ‘on the attributes of the upper planets,’ using the phrase al-kawâkib al-’ubwiyah, a term designating the three planets above the Sun (Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn). In fact, the chapter covers all five visible planets plus the Sun and the Moon.

3 It is possible that the original had pictorial representations of some sort that are now lost.

4 Each entry begins with names assigned to the planet in various languages, usually Persian (bi-l-fârisiyah), ‘Byzantine’ Greek (bi-l-yâniyâyeh), classical Greek (bi-l-rûmiyâh), and ‘Indian’ (bi-l-hindiyâh), presumably Sanskrit or Hindi. Most if not all of the ‘Indian’ names for planets given in this chapter appear in fact to be Arabic words. For the interpretation of these foreign names, and the sources used for their identification, see the Glossary of Star-Names under the name as given in the translation below.

5 The ‘Byzantine’ name given here is unidentified. In the early copy A, it is written without any diacritical markings on the next-to-last consonant, but in the later copies D and M it clearly reads as a ‘ soften sign. Throughout this chapter, al-yâniyâh is used to designate Byzantine or possibly Roman names, while al-rûmiyâh refers to names in classical Greece. A similar use of rûmiyâh for classical Greek was seen in Chapter Two. In Chapter Ten of Book One, however, our author employed rûmiyâh in the more usual sense of Byzantine Greek, for the names of the days, and in Book Two, Chapter Three, it is also used for Byzantine names. The difference in usage reflects the different sources employed by our author. For the differentiation between rûmi Greek and yâniyâyeh Greek amongst medieval Arabic writers, see Serikoff 1996, and EP art. ‘Yûnâ’ (F. Rosenthal) and art. ‘Rûm’ (Nadia El Cheikh).

6 The name appears to be the Arabic word al-‘adhb, meaning ‘sweet’. Our manuscript A specifies that this is an Indian name (bi-l-hindiyâh), while copies D and M, states that it is ‘Syriac’ (bi-l-suryâniyâh). If this was intended as a Syriac name, it is the only planet for which our author attempted to provide such a name.

7 Each of the seven planets rejoices in one of the twelve astrological divisions of the zodiacal circle; see Abu Ma’shar 1994, 31.

8 The Arabic reads literally ‘its light behind it and in front of it is nine’. This refers to the number of degrees, both before and after it, within which it has power and can affect another planet; see Biruni 1934, 255, and Biruni 1974, 35.

9 The author numbers the spheres from the outermost to the innermost. Saturn is the first, Jupiter the second, and then Mars, the Sun, Venus, Mercury, with the Moon occupying the seventh sphere.

10 According to Persian astrology, the years of a man’s life are divided into certain periods, called fardâriyâh, each governed by a specific planet. See *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, art. ‘Astrology and Astronomy in Iran’ (D. Pingree); Abu Ma’shar 1994, 81; Biruni 1934, 239 and 255; Qâbiṣî 2004, 65; Kûshyâr 1997, 214.

11 The years associated with the planets were of three types: great years, mean years, and least years. Astrologers used these to predict at the time of birth the probable length of life. Al-Biruni cautions against interpreting these numbers literally. See Abu Ma’shar 1994, 81–2; Abu Ma’shar 1995, 355; Qâbiṣî 2004, 133–5; and Biruni 1934, 239 and 255, where the numbers differ substantially.

12 Each planet has one point (degree) along the zodiac at which it has its greatest influence, and this is called its ‘exaltation’ (sharaf). In the sign opposite that of its exaltation, each planet will have a point (degree) of least influence, known as its dejection or ‘fall’ (shuhar).

13 For similar alignments with bodily parts, see Biruni 1934, 247–8.

14 An unidentified type of animal, also mentioned below in connection with the planet Venus. In copy M, the word in both places is clearly written as a-l-k-n-f-a-sh, and the same form occurs in copy A fol. 174a; at this point, however, the early copy A has al-kurrâsh, which in some medieval Arabic dictionaries was defined as a type of monkey or macaque (Ibn Manzûr, 3:244). In a recent dictionary of classical Arabic, however, the word was defined as ‘a species of insect’ (WKAS, 1390). In Persian, the word karâsh means a reddish-green bird (Steingass 1892, 102o).
hours. Its regions are India, the lands of the Sudān, the upper seas, Babylon, Fars, Khorasan, and Iraq.

If the year began with this planet, there will be an abundance of serpents, scorpions, foxes, hares, moles, porcupines, and all species of nocturnal animals. Its predominant quality is coldness and dryness, as a result of its distance from the heat of the Sun and its distance from the dampness of the seas on Earth. Its sphere is adjacent to that of the fixed stars, but no star is in it.

Its course runs from West to East. It orbits its sphere once every thirty years. The distance of its sphere from Earth is 18,090,210 farsakhs. In size, it ranks below Jupiter. Its circumference is 16,392 farsakhs. It is 91 times bigger than Earth.26 Its detriment is in Cancer. It dislikes the Sun, Jupiter and Mars, but likes Venus.18

Jupiter: Its Persian name is hurmez, its Indian name is al-fāʿız (א), its Greek name is tīzrāwush (Τεῦς),19 and its Byzantine name is bāṭrūs (Peter). It is good-omened, a male, single, diurnal planet. It rejoices in the eleventh [house]. Its area of influence is 13,541,490 farsakhs. In size, it ranks below the fixed stars. The extent of its circumference is 16,780 farsakhs. It is 95 times larger than Earth.25

Its helpfulness is evident in discernment, knowledge, piety, and intelligence. Its adornments are those decorated with pearls. Its birds are peacocks, cocks, pheasants, partridges, pigeons, ducks and ostriches. It is auspicious in terms of livelihood to those [wearing] red, and malefic to those [wearing] white. Its predominant quality is moderation and a balanced temperament, as its sphere is between the spheres of Saturn and of Mars—that is, between scorching and freezing constitutions.

Its particular power is that it is very warm, and for this reason it is responsible for the spread of pollinating and germinating winds.

Its course is from West to East. It orbits the sky once in twelve years. The distance of its sphere from Earth is 13,541,490 farsakhs. In size, it ranks below the fixed stars. The extent of its circumference is 16,780 farsakhs. It is 95 times larger than Earth.25

15 Possibly a reference to northern seas.
16 Discussions of planetary distances and sizes became a standard part of medieval astronomical treatises, often with recomputed values. For the most part, the values follow on from results given by Ptolemy in the Almagest (for the Sun and Moon) in the Planetary Hypotheses (for all the planets); see Swerdlow 1968, Goldstein 1967, Goldstein & Swerdlow 1970. The mean distances of the planetary spheres from Earth were computed by taking one-half the sum of the maximum and minimum distances; abu Maʿshar gave the distance between Saturn and Earth as 17,914,241 farsakhs (abu Maʿshar 1995, 3:543). Ptolemy gave the volume of Saturn as 79.5 that of the Earth while abu Maʿshar gave it as 92 times larger (Goldstein 1967, 8–9, 11–12; abu Maʿshar 1934, 116).
17 The seventh, or opposite, sign from the house (domicile) of each planet is called the ‘detriment’ (wabāl) of that planet. Saturn is said to be domiciled in Aquarius at night and during the day in Capricorn. Here only the daytime ‘detriment’ is given.
18 For ‘friendship’ and ‘enmity’ amongst planets, see abu Maʿshar 1934, 260–2; Qabīşī 2004, 105–7.
19 The Greek name (bi-yrāmiyāh) is clearly written in the two later copies as tīzrāwush, but in the earlier copy A it lacks diacritics on the first three letters, and thus could be vocalised in a number of ways (including bīzrāwush). The Arabic as written in the early copy A may be a combination of zāwush, meaning Zeus, and bīṭīṣ, which was a common alternative Arabic name for Jupiter (of unknown origin.
20 Two terms for the heart are used here: faʿīd and the more common qalḥ.
21 The Arabic ‘al-bān is the Ben-tree, probably Moringa pterygosperma Gartn., whose nut was used in hair-growing recipes as well as in dentifrices, while an oil made from it was common in ointments; see Levey 1966, 241 no. 32.
22 The Arabic ‘al-sālikhah refers to any tree of the genus cassia having leaves from which the laxative senna is extracted, while its bark was often used as a substitute for cinnamon; see Tībī 2006, 205; and Renaud & Colin 1934, 161 no. 369.
23 The phrase ‘pushes its management’ (א Draws) means that when a planet (in this case Jupiter) encounters another particular planet (whether through conjunction or some other aspect) it transfers its power and ‘management’ onto that planet (in this case onto Saturn). This was one of some twenty conditions or states belonging to a planet when encountering another. See Abü Maʿshar 1994, 41 and 47; Abū Maʿshar 2000, 171–3; Abu Maʿshar 1995, 3543.
24 Compare Biruni 1934, 245.
25 Al-Biruni gives the distance between the sphere of Jupiter and that of the Earth as 9,919,443 farsakhs and the volume of Jupiter as slightly over 95 times that of the Earth, while Ptolemy
It indicates religion, worship, asceticism, monasticism, hermitage, religious seclusion, noble professions, beauty, tranquility, silence, sitting in judgment and giving legal opinions, just manners, dignity, compassion, charity, praise, commendation, good reputation, much progeny and property, precious stones, knowledge, discernment, and good judgment. It brings most happiness when it resides in Pisces and is compatible with the moon at night.

Mars: Its Persian name is bahhrām, its Greek name is a-a-r-s (Ἄρης), its Indian name is al-bāghiy, and its Byzantine name is tīmāṭūs (Timothy ?).27 It is an ill-omened, female, dual, nocturnal planet. It rejoices in the sixth [house]. Its area of influence is eight degrees. It is located on the third sphere. Its fardāriyah (period of life) is seven years. Its great years are 61 years, its mean years are 40 and one-half, and its least years are 15. Its exaltation is at twenty-eight degrees Capricorn, and its dejection at twenty-eight degrees Cancer.

Its detriments are in Libra and Taurus. Its action is anger. It is the parts of the human body are the liver, blood, the mouth, feet, legs, and flesh. Its colour is red. Its tastes are the bitter and the sour tastes. Its material is copper. It is inauspicious and injurious to [those wearing] black and yellow. It is compatible with all soul, repulsive, and stinky fragrances. The animals associated with it are leopards, lynx, lizards, hornets, venomous spiders, and scorpions. Its birds are all red birds, whether they live on land or in water. Its properties are heat, dryness and fire. It is associated with military matters and soldiers, warriors and strongmen, thieves, fornicators, and blood-thirsty men. Its type of land formation is rugged and rough. Its trees are the thorny ones. Its ‘pushes its management’ onto Jupiter.28

Venus likes it, but the other planets dislike it. If the year begins with Mars, then dogs, wolves, jackals, lynx, and other carnivorous beasts become abundant. The nature of Mars is fire and dryness, due to the fiery heat in its colour and to its proximity to the Sun, for the Sun’s sphere is just underneath it, while it [the sphere of Mars] follows [beneath] the sphere of Jupiter.

Its course is from West to East, completing one orbit every year and a half. The distance of its sphere from that of the Earth is 18,420, 690 farsakhs. In size, it ranks below Saturn. Its circumference is 4,362 farsakhs. It is one and five-eighths the size of Earth.29

It indicates lowly professions, such as butchers, blacksmiths, dyers, cooks and bakers, as well as swindlers, charlatans, scoundrels, thieves, and highway robbers. Its malefic influence is most felt when it is in the fiery signs of zodiac, as they correspond with its own nature and amplify it. It is strongest and most injurious when in Leo, due to its vigor. Venus dislikes Mars, although it [Mars] does like Venus. Mars is more powerful in the West, as it is a female planet. It indicates evil, deceit, slander, backbiting, tyranny, and oppression.

The Sun: Its Persian name is mihr, its Greek name is ilyus ( سبحان ), and its Indian name is al-sharif. It is a good-omened, male, dual, diurnal planet. It rejoices in the ninth [house]. Its area of influence is fifteen degrees. Its exaltation is at nineteen degrees Aries, and its dejection at nineteen degrees Libra. Its detriment is in Aquarius. Its parts of the human body are the nerves, flesh, fat, the right eye, the brain, head, and hair.

Its colour is yellow. Its taste is that of spicy foods. Its material is gold. It is inauspicious and injurious to [those wearing] dust-colours. Its fragrance is musk. Its food is honey. The clothes compatible with it are yellow firnd silk-cloth.30 Its beasts are lions, wolves, hyenas, and stags. It is composed of great light. Its mineral is gold. Its trees are the large trees that put forth branches. It dislikes all the planets, except Mars, which is neither friend nor foe. It also befriends Jupiter. It ‘pushes its management’ to Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. It rejoices in diurnal birthdays occurring in the male signs of the zodiac.

Its helpfulness is evident in power, rule, command, and oppression. It travels one sign every thirty days. It is hot and dry. It is associated with the

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26 In copy A, the Indian name appears to be the Arabic word al-bāghiy (the oppressor, the unjust), while in the two later copies, D and M, it appears to be the Arabic word al-nāʿiy, meaning ‘one who announces a death’.

27 Timothy is unidentified as a planetary name. The first two letters of the word as written in copy A have no diacritics and so could be vocalised in several ways, but in MS M it is clearly written as tīmāṭūs, while in copy D it is written as nimāṭūs.

28 The later copies D and M add ‘and onto Saturn’.

29 Al-Bīrūnī gives the distance between the sphere of Mars and that of the Earth as 1,363.38 farsakhs and the volume of Mars as slightly over one and one-quarter times that of the Earth, while Ptolemy gave its volume as slightly over one and one-half times that of Earth (Goldstein 1967, 8–9, 11–12; Biruni 1934, 116–17).

30 Firnd is a particular type of cloth characterised by wavy marks or graining (Lane 1863, 238g).
ranks of kings, noblemen, grandees, and military commanders. It is associated with mines of gold and gems. Its birds are eagles, falcons, and gnats. Its yellow colour gives a red shade to white and dust-colour to red. Its foods are spicy.

If it is in an auspicious aspect, the new-born will enjoy the full span of life, one hundred and twenty years. Its adornments are those that decorate the head. The qualities of the Sun are those of warming and dryness in its period.

Its sphere is in the middle of the seven spheres, with three spheres above and three below. It travels a degree each day. The upper sphere revolves around it from East to West. The distance of the sphere of the Sun from Earth is 1,202,670 farsakhs. Its circumference is 20,980 farsakhs. In size, fifteen stars are ranked below it.31

**Venus:** Its Byzantine name is ƙifàttis, its Persian name is m-n-d-kh-t,32 its Indian name is anāhīd,33 and its Greek name is amlūdītā (Ἄφροδίτη). It is a good-omened, female, single, nocturnal planet. It rejoices in the fifth [house]. Its area of influence is seven degrees. It is on the fifth sphere. Its fardāriyah (period of life) is eight years. Its great years are 82 years, its mean years are 45, and its least years are 8. Its exaltation is at twenty-seven degrees Pisces, and its dejection at twenty-seven degrees Virgo. Its detriments are in Scorpio and Aries.

Its parts of the human body are the bladder, the left nostril, [the organs of] lust, the male genitals, and fat. Its actions are joy, entertainment, singing, and music. Its colour is white. Its foods are greasy dishes. Its mineral is alum. It is inauspicious and injurious to [those wearing] white. Its flowers are the rose and basil. Its taste is sweet. Its beasts are gazelles, water-buffalos, and a-l-k-n-f-a-sh.34 Its birds are falcons, hawks, sparrow hawks, swallows, bats, and vermin. Its insects are dung beetles and their ilk. Its colour is white. Its qualities are heat and dampness. The [other] planets like it, with the exception of Saturn, who is its enemy. It ‘pushes its management’ to the Sun, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. It rejoices in nocturnal birthdays occurring in female signs of the zodiac. Its full span of life is 52 years. Its helpfulness is revealed in kindness, benevolence, flattery, luxury, and friendliness. Its adornments are women’s jewelry. If the year began with it, there will be an abundance of weak animals, and all types of aquatic creatures, whether fish, beasts, or birds.

Its garments are red, green, and white. It is of good temperament, with moderate power, although it causes things to heat up in its period and arouses feelings of love [?], due to its proximity to the Sun. It completes one orbit every ten months. The distance of its sphere from Earth is 1,029,905 farsakhs. In size, it ranks below the Moon. Its circumference is 498 farsakhs. It is 37 times smaller than Earth.35

**Mercury:** Its Persian name is tīr, its Indian name is al-wāḍīḥ, and its Greek name is ā-r-s-w (Ἐφροδίτη). It is a planet of mixed nature—male with males, female with females, ill-omened with others ill-omened, and good-omened with other benefics. It rejoices in the [house of the] ascendant. Its area of influence is seven degrees. It is on the sixth sphere. Its fardāriyah (period of life) is ten years. Its great years are 76 years, its mean years are 48, and its least years are 20.

Its exaltation is at fifteen degrees Virgo, and its dejection at fifteen degrees Pisces. Its detriments are in Pisces and Sagittarius. Its traits are cunning and trickery. Its parts of the human body are the spleen, the right nostril, the gall bladder, the breasts,36 and the nerves. It likes the colour of the sky. Its material is mercury. It detests and opposes red within blue. Its fragrance is that of clove. Its beasts are goats and billy-goats, grey workhorses, mountain sheep, crocodiles, and tortoises. Its birds are magpies, hoopoes, larks, ring-doves, turtle-doves, and all red-and-white and black-and-yellow birds. Its insects are moth-worms, flies, and crickets.

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31 Al-Bīrūnī gives the distance between the sphere of the Sun and that of the Earth as 1,254,638 farsakhs and the volume of the Sun as over 167 times greater than that of the Earth. (Bīrūnī 1934, 116–17). First magnitude stars were considered to have a volume between that of the Sun and the next largest planet (Jupiter).
32 The name is written in the same manner in all the copies, though in the two later copies it said to be a Greek (rānihay) name. It is possible that this was intended to be the ‘Indian’ name rather than the Persian one, since the correct Persian name appears as the Sanskrit name.
33 The ‘Indian’ name is in fact the common Persian name for Venus, anāhīd, although it is written in all copies as abāhind, an otherwise unrecorded term.
34 While the reading of this last word is uncertain, it appears to refer to the same unidentified animals as mentioned earlier in connection with Saturn.
35 Al-Bīrūnī gives the distance between the sphere of Venus and that of the Earth as 183,656 farsakhs and the volume of Venus as 1/34 that of the Earth, while Ptolemy gave its volume as 1/44 that of Earth (Goldstein 1967, 8–9, 11–12; Bīrūnī 1934, 116–17).
36 Following the reading of the early copy A (al-thadayn, the two breasts), Copy D, however, reads al-udhnayn (the two ears), and copy M reads al-unthayyan (the two testicles, or ovaries).
Its nature is a mixture of the various elements. It 'pushes its management' to all the [other] planets except the Moon. It is with the Sun in the East and with the Moon in the West. Its complete life span is 76 years. Its helpfulness is revealed in literature, calculations, writing, poetry, sagacity, wit, fluent speech, delicate crafts, engraving, and wonderful artefacts. Its food is poultry. Its fragrance is that of clove. Its adornments are those made with or from quicksilver.

It is sometimes dry due to its proximity to the latitudinal course of the Sun, and sometimes damp due to its proximity to the sphere of the Moon. It passes through each of the signs in twenty-seven days. It rejoices with the Sun in the East and with the Moon in the West. Its plants are spikes of grain and barley. Its type of land is sandy. If the year begins with it, then deer, wild asses, locusts, Egyptian vultures, and kites will become abundant.

It completes its orbit of the sphere once in seven months. The distance of its sphere from Earth is 158,000 farsaks. In size, it ranks below Venus. Its circumference is 118 farsaks. It is 22 times smaller than Earth.37

It [Mercury] indicates intelligence, religion, reason, justice, search for knowledge, books, eloquence, poetry, rhetoric; the rational sciences such as medicine, astrology, geometry, surveying, tax administration; as well as the delicate crafts,38 engraving, and inscribing. It is a friend to Mars, compatible with it in its dryness and swiftness, but differs from it in its refinement and intelligence. Mercury is also compatible with Venus and the Moon when it is descending in its orbit. It is one of the planets of rain.39

The Moon: Its Persian name is māh, its Greek name is fāʾiqus (φαικός),40 its Indian name is sābih (?),41 and its Byzantine name is m-w-t-w-s. It is a good-omened, female, single, nocturnal planet. It rejoices in the third [house]. Its area of influence is twelve degrees. It is on the seventh sphere. Its fardāriyah (period of life) is nine years. Its great years are 108 years, its mean years are 39 and one-half, and its least years are 25. Its exaltation is at three degrees Taurus, and its dejection at three degrees Scorpio. Its detriment is in Capricorn. Its action is speech. Its parts of the human body are the lung, the left eye, the brain, the mouth, and the skin. Its favoured colour is white when the Moon is full, but brown when it is waning. Its flavour is salty. Its mineral is silver. It is inauspicious and injurious to [people wearing] yellow in green. Its fragrances are all sweet-smelling scents. Its foods are cheese and butter.

Its animals and beasts of burden are giraffes, sunnājah42—which are beasts found in the Nile—, mules, dogs, grey workhorses, sables, mountainous and marine white birds, cats and swallows. It is compatible with red and white clothes. It is composed of damp light and is therefore warm and gentle. Its helpfulness is found in reports, messages carried by post, letters, and correspondence. It dominates over water, streams, and rivers. Its plants include grasses and all other plants without a trunk. It befriends Jupiter, but opposes all the other planets. It 'pushes its management' to all the [other] planets.

It rejoices in nocturnal birthdays occurring in female signs of the zodiac. Its nature is not that of a cunning person who saves himself, nor that of a man of courage and power who prevails over others.43
It passes through each sign in fifty-five and one-half hours,\footnote{44 Or, fifty-two hours, following the two later copies, though this is not equivalent to two and one-third days.} which is two days and a third of a day. Its regions include the sixth clime, the Maghreb, Ifriqiyyah, al-Andalus, and their environs. It is one of the planets of rain.\footnote{45 The planets associated with rains are the Moon, Venus, and Mercury; see Küshyār 1997, 92–3.} Its nature is windy. Its complete span of life is 108 years.

Its fragrance is that of amber. Its gem is the ruby. It is good-omened when in aspect\footnote{46 That is, when another planet is configured at sextile (60°), quartile (90°), or trine (120°) aspect from it, or is in opposition (180°) from it; see Qabīṣī 2004, 27.} and ill-omened when in ‘collection’.\footnote{47 The term ‘collection’ (jamʿ) is used if a planet is configured (in aspect, conjunction, or opposition) with two or more planets, in which case it ‘collects’ their light and takes on their natures. See Abū Ma’shar 1994, 45; Küshyār 1997, 52–3.} Its power is mostly that of moistening, due to the proximity of its sphere to Earth and the extent of its attraction of the seas [during high tide]. It decays all materials and obliterates them.

Its sphere follows that of Mercury. It completes its orbit in twenty-eight days. Its sphere is the closest one to Earth. The extent of the distance of its sphere from Earth is 122,622 farsakh\footnote{48 Al-Bīrūnī gives the distance between the sphere of the Moon and that of the Earth as 36,395 farsakh and the volume of the Moon as 1/30 that of the Earth, while Ptolemy gave its volume as 1/40 that of Earth in the Planetary Hypotheses and in the Almagest as 39 and one-quarter smaller (Goldstein 1967, 8–9, 11–12; Bīrūnī 1934, 116–17).}s. It is 39 times smaller than Earth.\footnote{48 Al-Bīrūnī gives the distance between the sphere of the Moon and that of the Earth as 36,395 farsakh and the volume of the Moon as 1/30 that of the Earth, while Ptolemy gave its volume as 1/40 that of Earth in the Planetary Hypotheses and in the Almagest as 39 and one-quarter smaller (Goldstein 1967, 8–9, 11–12; Bīrūnī 1934, 116–17).} It is the one who opens the seas [i.e., causes the rise in the tides] and [allows] the movement from one to another.
THE NINTH CHAPTER ON THE LUNAR MANSIONS, THEIR ATTRIBUTES

and occult influences, together with an explanation of their heliacal risings and settings, their forms, and their ʿayyuqāt-stars (indicator stars)²

[I] The first lunar mansion is al-sharaṭayn, also called al-nath (the butting).³ It is composed of three stars (αβγ Arietis) in the form of the letter bā turned upside down. It consists of two southern obscure stars and one northerly luminous star of the third degree of magnitude, while along side it is one of the fifth degree of magnitude.

The indicator star (ʿayyuq-star) of this lunar mansion is al-rudn (the sleeve; unidentified), which is a star alongside [or, a part of?] ʿ the Pleiades (najm al-thurayyā). Rising together with it in the North⁴ is a star called al-khaṣās (the gap; β Trianguli ?), a large star that is one of the stars of the constellation Triangulum, and mīrfaq al-thurayyā (the elbow of al-thurayyā; α Persei, Mirfak), a red luminous star.

Rising toward the South is al-dīḍīʿ al-anwāl (the first frog; α Piscis Austrini, Fomalhaut), also known as al-kalb (the dog),⁵ a star of the first magnitude located on the left foot of Aquarius, as well as several stars known as al-baqar (the cattle),⁶ similar in form to the banāt naʿsh, together with a large bright star called al-ʿanz (the goat; ε Aurigae or α Aurigae, Capella), which rises before this lunar mansion of al-nath. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.8, diagram I, p. 220]

[I, 1]: South⁷

[I, 2]: al-ʿanz (the goat)⁸

[I, 3]: al-baqar (the cattle; unidentified)

[I, 4]: [al-]kaff al-jadhmāʾ (the cut-off hand; λβγ Ceti ?)⁹

[I, 5]: al-sharaṭayn (αβγ Arietis; Lunar Mansion I)¹⁰

[I, 6]: mīrfaq (the elbow [of al-thurayyā]; α Persei)¹¹

[I, 7]: al-khaṣās (the gap; β Trianguli ?)

[I, 8]: qaṣabat al-ḥamal (the windpipe of the ram; unidentified)¹²

¹ MS A, fol. 18a²; MS M, fol. 59b6; MS D, 53a₁⁻₂. Only the first three descriptions of lunar mansions are given in copies M and D. In M (fol. 59b₄⁻⁶b₄) they form the body of the text, while in D (folks. 53a⁻⁵b₄) they are written in the margins as a commentary (sharḥ) to the body of the text (folks. 53⁻⁵b₄), which consists of extensive extracts from Ibn Qutaybah (d. c. 276/889) and not from the Book of Curiosities, though the title in D is identical to that in copy A. It is omitted entirely from the Karshūnī version B.

² See the Glossary of Star-Names for the sources used to identify star-names, as well as various interpretations of a given name and its use elsewhere in the treatise. We gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Professor Paul Kunitzsch in identifying many of the star-names. For this chapter, we have used for comparative purposes a series of diagrams occurring in Dublin, Chester Beatty Library, Arabic MS 4538 (designated as MS CB). This undated (probably seventeenth-century) Arabic manuscript contains very similar diagrams or ‘maps’ of the lunar mansions, though the accompanying short texts and tables in the Chester Beatty manuscript are unrelated to the accompanying texts in the Book of Curiosities.

³ Lunar Mansion I, whose name is more commonly written in the nominative dual (al-sharaṭān) rather than the genitive, is usually said to consist of only two stars in the constellation Aries (αβγ Arietis), though some annwāʾ authors, as here, associated it with three stars in Aries (αβγ Arietis). Some annwāʾ authors write the synonym as al-nāṭān rather than al-nath. Both mean ‘that which butts or gores’. In the accompanying illustration is illustrated by a single star.

⁴ The word al-shaʿm is occasionally used in this treatise for the northern region, as opposed to al-yaman, the south (see Lane 1883, 1490).

⁵ The association of the name al-kalb (the dog) with this star is not otherwise documented. The ‘first frog’ is not illustrated in the diagram below, but it is illustrated on the similar diagram given in MS CB, fol. 2a.

⁶ Uncertain identification. Star-groups called ‘the cows’ are described by annwāʾ-authors as being in various positions. Ibn Qutaybah (d. c. 276/889) says that opposite the star al-dabarān (a Tuari, Aldebaran) there are stars called ‘the cattle’. Others say that ‘the cattle’ are stars to the right of the ‘cut-off hand’ (al-kaff al-jadhmāʾ) of the large woman named al-thurayyā—stars envisioned in the area of the constellation Cetus, probably equivalent to λβγ Ceti. In the accompanying diagram, the latter interpretation is followed.

⁷ The maps’ provided in copies M and D have only the two directions (al-jāʾib, al-shimāf) labelled on them; there are no star-names given.

⁸ ‘The goat’ (al-ʿanz) is usually identified as ε Aurigae or α Aurigae (Capella). In the diagram, however, it is illustrated as a star toward the South, when in fact Auriga is well to the North. In the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 2a, it is labelled kalb al-ʿanz (the dog of the goat), written without dots, and it is possible that this name refers to a different star than one in Auriga; the star-name kalb al-ʿanz is not attested in the recorded literature.

⁹ Here it is illustrated with three stars, while in the discussion of Lunar Mansion II it is said to consist of two stars, and in Chapter Five it was illustrated as two stars. It does not appear on the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 2a.

¹⁰ In the similar diagram in MS CB fol. 2a, the lunar mansions is also illustrated only with a single star.

¹¹ The star in this diagram (α Persei) should be placed further to the north—that is, on the other side of al-khaṣās, for, if the identification of al-khaṣās is correct as β Trianguli, then the latter would be between mīrfaq and Lunar Mansion I.

¹² This unidentified star is not recorded as a star-name in other published literature. It is not illustrated in the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 2a.
[1, 9]: ra’s al-ghūl (the head of the demon; β Persei, Algol)  
[1, 10]: North 
[1, 11]: Al-sharaṭayn (Lunar Mansion I) rises on the twenty-third of Barmūdeh [the eighth Coptic month], which is the eighteenth of the month of Nīsān (April).  

II Al-buṭayn: There then follows al-buṭayn, which is composed of three stars in the form of a tripod (Σευρής). One of them is a bright star of the fourth magnitude, and two are obscure. The latter two rise shortly before the bright one.  

The indicator star (‘ayyūq-star) of this lunar mansion, towards the North, is munkib al-thurayyā (the shoulder of al-thurayyā), formed of two adjacent stars. Then rises a bright star called al-birjīs, with some small stars besides it, and a bright star called ‘anāq al-ard (the desert lynx; γ Andromedae), also known as al-mustabsīf (the soundly built one). Then arises a-1-m-r-h-l-h (unidentified), which consists of four small stars in the form of a rectangle.

Toward the South there rises a luminous star called al-difdī al-awwal (the first frog; α Piscis Austrini, Fomalhaut), also known as al-rā’i (the shepherd), of second magnitude, located on the right foot of Aquarius—that is, on the metatarsus of the foot. Then rises the southern shoulder of al-thurayyā, also called [al]-kaaf al-jadhmā (the cut-off hand; λxγδς Ceti ?); these two small stars are one dhīrī from each other. Coincident with the rising of suhayl (Canopus) is that of a star called al-wāzin (the weight [on a balance scale]), together with two small stars called its mizān (the balance). This is what all these stars look like:

13 The Arabic name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Perseus who holds an ogee’s head by its hair. It is not illustrated in the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 2a.

14 The dates of rising are given in both the Coptic calendar and the Syrian Christian calendar. Copy A gives the eighth of April as the equivalent of the Coptic date, but copy M, in a sentence before the diagram, gives the equivalent date in April as the eighteenth rather than the eighth. The eighteenth of April is correct for the Julian calendar. Specific dates of risings for lunar mansions are commonly found in the anwā’-literature, often in association with Coptic months, most often with the difference between each set of risings given a consistent 13 days (for examples, see Pellat 1966, where the Calendrier du Cerdoue is datable to c AD 986; Pellat 1986; Samsó 2008; Forcada 2000). For anwā’-literature in general, see Forcada 1998. The dates given in the Book of Curiosities are identical to those employed later by al-Maqrizī (d. 845/1442) in his history and topography of Egypt, the Khitašt, where the dates are given only in the Coptic calendar without the Syrian Christian equivalents and occasional alternative names are given for the lunar mansions themselves (Pellat 1966, 102–29 and p. xviii); this similarity suggests both our author and al-Maqrizī employed a list circulated widely and for a long time in Egypt. Al-Biruni (d. 440/1048) calculated on what days of the Syrian Christian months the twenty-eight lunar mansions would be seen to rise in the year 1300 of the Alexandrian (Seleucid) calendar, which is equivalent to the year AD 988 (Biruni 1875b, 530–54); these days are either three or four days later than those given in the Book of Curiosities. If then, following al-Biruni’s instructions, you allow a shift of 3°/66 years for the precession of the equinoxes and a difference of one day’s visibility for the same time period, then the calendar of lunar mansion risings incorporated into the Book of Curiosities would appear to have been compiled sometime between AD 720 and 790. Given the inconsistency of the data, however, and the folkloric tradition from which it arose, it is difficult if not impossible to be precise.  

15 Lunar Mansion II, al-buṭayn, is variously identified as three or four stars in the constellation Aries. Our author clearly subscribes to the three-star interpretation.  

16 Usually identified as ξ Persei with two or three other stars. The Arabic name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of a woman (named al-thurayyā), with her outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. In the accompanying diagram it is illustrated with three stars (although the text specifies two adjacent stars). In the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is illustrated with only one star.

17 Either a star in Auriga or one in Perseus. The word is here written without dots, while in the later copies D and M the word is written as al-marjis, meaning ‘narcissus’; in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is written as al-birjīs. These variant spellings occur also in other anwā’-sources. It is not illustrated in the accompanying diagram, but in MS CB, fol. 3a it is shown as a star-group of five stars, with four arranged in a square.

18 There is confusion, however, amongst anwā’-writers regarding this star, with some association with β Persei. Here it is illustrated as one solitary star.

19 The name al-mustabsīf (the one soundly built, or free from defect) is a variant spelling of the star-name al-mustabsīfis. Both names occur only in the anwā’-literature and are alternative names for the star in the constellation Andromeda called by Bedouins ‘unāq al-ard (the desert lynx).

20 a-1-m-r-h-l-h is one of the variant spellings of a star often paired by anwā’-authors with the star al-birjīs and associated with Lunar Mansion II. The identity of the star or stars is uncertain, as is also meaning of the name.

21 The use of the alternative name of ‘the shepherd’ (al-rā’i) for this star in otherwise unattested. A curious contradiction occurs here, for in the description of Lunar Mansion I al-difdī al-awwal was said to be of the first magnitude and on the left foot of Aquarius, while here it is stated to be of the second magnitude and on the right foot. The star is not indicated on the accompanying diagram, but it is illustrated by a single star in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a.

22 A distance approximately equivalent to the breadth of a thumb when it is held up at arm’s length against the sky.

23 The name al-wāzin (as it is written in both the text and the diagram below and in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a) is possibly a misspelling of the name al-ważān or al-wazān, which was traditionally said to be one of two stars (the other being called hadārī) associated with Canopus.

24 The identity of these two stars called ‘its [Canopus’] balance’ is uncertain. An anonymous anwā’-treatise states essentially the same as that said here. It is here illustrated below by three stars, while in the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is illustrated with two stars.
[see fig. 1.8, diagram II, p. 218]

[II, 1]: South

[II, 2]: al-wāzin (the weight; uncertain identity)\(^{25}\)

[II, 3]: al-mīzān (the balance; uncertain identity)\(^{26}\)

[II, 4]: al-buṭayn [\(\epsilon\delta\) Arietis; Lunar Mansion II]

[II, 5]: al-mankīb (the shoulder [of al-thurayyā]; \(\xi\) Persei + other stars)\(^{27}\)

[II, 6]: a-l-m-r-j-l-h (unidentified)\(^{28}\)

[II, 7]: ‘anāq al-arḍ (the desert lynx; \(\gamma\) Andromedae)\(^{29}\)

[II, 8]: [unreadable]\(^{30}\)

[II, 9]: North

[II, 10]: Al-buṭayn (Lunar Mansion II) rises on the sixth of Bashnas [the ninth Coptic month], which is the first month of Ayyār (May)

[III] Al-thurayyā: Thereafter rise the Pleiades (al-thurayyā),\(^{31}\) a cluster of six semi-nebulous stars, in the form of an isosceles triangle. They rise laterally from their position, disappear from it, and then rise to the north-west of al-shiratayn (Lunar Mansion I) and al-buṭayn (Lunar Mansion II).

Rising with them in the North is al-‘ayyūq (\(\alpha\) Aurigae, Capella), which is a luminous star of the first magnitude on the left shoulder of māsīk al-‘innān (the holder of the reins; the constellation Auriga). Then there are two small stars known as rijlā al-‘ayyūq (the two feet of Capella).\(^{32}\) Also rising with it is a not very bright star called al-‘ātiq (the shoulder-blade; \(\alpha\) Persei or \(\zeta\) Persei, or both), close to the Pleiades.

Toward the South, a cluster of stars known as al-baqar (the cattle) rises.\(^{33}\) The constellation of Auriga (the holder of the reins)\(^{34}\) is so called because it is between Gemini and Ursa Major. Then it rises from behind it northwards towards Leo, and no northern constellation is behind it, as if it stands between the northern constellations and the zodiac.\(^{35}\) Because of the ugliness and the magnitude of the stars in this asterism, Valens called it ‘A devil (shayṭān) carrying lanterns’\(^{36}\) This is what this lunar mansion and its ‘ayyūqāt-stars look like:\(^{37}\)

[see fig. 1.8, diagram III, p. 217]

[III, 1]: South

[III, 2]: al-nath (one who butts or gored)\(^{38}\)

[III, 3]: al-thurayyā (the Pleiades, Lunar Mansion III)

[III, 4]: al-‘ātiq (the shoulder-blade [of al-thurayyā]; \(\alpha\) Persei or \(\zeta\) Persei, or both)\(^{39}\)

\(^{25}\) In both this diagram and the similar one in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is illustrated with a single star.

\(^{26}\) It is here illustrated by three stars in a straight line, while in the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is illustrated with two stars.

\(^{27}\) In the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, the full name, mankīb al-thurayyā, is given, but it is illustrated with only one star rather than as three here.

\(^{28}\) In the paragraph above, this unidentified stars-group was called a-l-m-r-j-l-h, while in the diagram the name is written as a-l-m-r-j-l-h and illustrated as three stars. In the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, the name is also written as a-l-m-r-j-l-h and illustrated with four stars in a square.

\(^{29}\) In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, the star is given the alternative name al-mustakhṣif.

\(^{30}\) Traces of three or four stars are evident, as well as the end of a word that is now illegible.

\(^{31}\) The Pleiades is an open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus. Six or sometimes seven stars are visible with the naked eye. Confusion is sometimes caused by the fact that its name, al-thurayyā, is the same as that of the large figure of a woman who was imagined covering a very large area of the northern skies.

\(^{32}\) ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sīḥī (d. 376/986), as well as Ibn Qutaybah, said that below Capella (\(\alpha\) Aurigae) there was a star that was called rijl al-‘ayyūq, and this has been aligned with the modern \(\nu\) Aurigae. The text here, however, clearly speaks of two small stars which are called ‘the two feet of al-‘ayyūq’, and their identification is uncertain.

\(^{33}\) The text here, however, clearly speaks of two small stars which are called ‘the two feet of al-‘ayyūq’, and their identification is uncertain.

\(^{34}\) The name is written here as māsīk al-‘innān.

\(^{35}\) The meaning of this sentence is unclear.

\(^{36}\) Vettius Valens was a late-antique Greek writer (fl. AD 152–162) whose astrological treatises were translated into Middle Persian and then into Arabic. This particular quotation has not been identified in any other preserved sources. Numerous Arabic similes on the Pleiades were composed, and more than four hundred studied by Kunitsch & Ullmann 1992. Yet none compare the Pleiades to a devil (shayṭān) nor consider it to be ugly. To the Arabs the Pleiades always had very auspicious connotations, and comparisons with lanterns were common. It is possible that in this quotation the ‘devil’ refers to another nearby star-group—possibly the star \(\beta\) Persei (Algod) which was called ra’s al-ghal (the head of the ghoul)—with the lanterns being the Pleiades. We thank Professor Geert Jan van Gelder for taking time to search (unsuccessfully) for any similar proverb regarding the Pleiades. For knowledge of Valens in medieval Islam, see King 2004a, Ullmann 1972, 281–2, and Sezgin, GAS VII, 38–41 and 80a.

\(^{37}\) In copies M (fol. 6b) and D (fol. 5b margin) there is no accompanying diagram and the chapter ends at this point. The text in these copies resumes with the discourse on winds in Chapter Ten of Book One (M fol. 6b, and D fol. 76a).

\(^{38}\) This name (a variant name for Lunar Mansion I) is written over the first group on the right toward the South, and must be an error for al-baqar, which in the anonymous literature is said to be a group of stars in a ring to the south of the Pleiades. In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a, it is labelled correctly as al-baqar and illustrated with six stars in two rows of three each.

\(^{39}\) Here it is represented with two stars, while in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a, it is shown as a single star.
[III, 5]: al-mustaḥṣif (the one soundly built; γ Andromedae)\
[III, 6]: al-ʿayyūq (α Aurigae, Capella)
[III, 7]: rīj al-ʿayyūq (the foot of al-ʿayyūq; θ Aurigae)
[III, 8]: North
[III, 9]: The Pleiades (al-thurayyā, Lunar Mansion III) rise on the nineteenth of Bashnas [the ninth Coptic month], which is the fourteenth of the month of Ayyār (May).

[IV] Al-dabarān: Thereafter rises al-dabarān (the follower), composed of seven stars that resemble the letter dāl (the Hyades). One of them is red and bright, of the first degree of magnitude, known as ‘ayn al-thawr (the bull’s eye), qaḥ al-thawr (the heart of the bull), and al-tāḥi (the follower; α Tauri, Aldebaran). Its indicator star (ʿayyūq-star) to the North is maysān al-malik (the bright star of the king; Ξ Geminorum). With it, in the North, rise a large number of stars, arranged in a crooked line and called al-qalāʾīs (the young camels; the Hyades?).

Toward the South, rise a line of stars called al-baqar (the cattle; unidentified), the last of which is masāb al-māʿ (the water outlet; unidentified), a star of the third order of magnitude. Between the Pleiades (Lunar Mansion III) and al-dabarān (the Hyades; Lunar Mansion IV) there are two stars that seem to be attached to each other, which are called al-ḍayyāq (the straits; unidentified). Among the stars of al-dabarān, the first to rise are those along the side of the letter dāl, and the last to rise is its bright ʿayyūq-star, maysān al-malik (Ξ Geminorum).

[see fig. 1.8, diagram IV, p. 216]

[IV, 1]: South
[IV, 2]: al-baqar (the cattle; unidentified)
[IV, 3]: al-dabarān (the follower; the Hyades; Lunar Mansion IV)
[IV, 4]: al-qalāʾīs (the young camels; the Hyades?)
[IV, 5]: maysān al-malik (the bright star of the king; Ξ Geminorum)

[IV, 6]: North
[IV, 7]: Al-dabarān [Lunar Mansion IV] rises on the second of Baʿūneh [the tenth Coptic month], which is the twenty-ninth of Ayyār (May).

[V] Al-haqʿah: Then rises al-haqʿah, also known as al-maysān (the bright one) and raʾs al-jawzāʾ (the head of al-jawzāʾ). These are three nebulus stars on the head of the giant (λφ1φ2 Orionis). Two widely separated stars are the giant’s hands, and the three widely-spaced stars crossing it are its sword. The line of three stars (§ξ Orionis) is the vertebrae of its back, and the two separated stars are its feet. The head, between its hands, is composed of the stars al-mīrẓam (α Orionis or γ Orionis) and al-nājīd

40 This is a variant spelling of the star-name al-mustaḥṣif, an alternative name for the star in the constellation Andromeda called by Bedouins ‘iḥāq al-arṭ (the desert lynx). In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 42a, the name is also written as al-mustaḥṣif. It is not mentioned in the text accompanying this map of Lunar Mansion III, though it was mentioned in connection with Lunar Mansion II. Here it is illustrated as a single star.

41 Here it is illustrated with three stars, in a triangular arrangement. The text accompanying this diagram, however, clearly speaks of two small stars which are called ‘the two feet of al-ʿayyūq’. It is omitted from the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a.

42 Lunar Mansion IV is usually identified with the famous star in Taurus that is today called Aldebaran (α Tauri), the most prominent of the open cluster composing the asterism of the Hyades. The lunar mansion was occasionally interpreted to include all the Hyades (γδθ1,2αε Aurigae); this is the latter interpretation that our author is following.

43 The name is actually written as minsār al-malik, while in the accompanying diagram it is written as minsār al-malik. Other variants occur as well, though the spelling maysān al-malik is the most common form.

44 The ‘young camels’ is usually considered the traditional Bedouin name for the open cluster called the Hyades. However, in this chapter they appear to be considered a star-group distinct from Lunar Mansion IV, for the latter was interpreted by our author and others to include all the Hyades.

45 The diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a, does not illustrate the star-group of ‘the cattle’ (al-baqar), but shows a single star labelled muʿakḥkar masāb al-māʿ.

46 The word is written without diacritical dots, and can be read in several ways. The interpretation al-ḍayyāq (or al-dīyāq) is suggested because various awāʾ authors state that this star-name refers to two stars between Aldabarān (α Tauri) and the Pleiades.

47 Uncertain identification. In the diagram illustrating Lunar Mansion I, it was illustrated with four stars, while here it is shown as seven stars. It is not on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a.

48 In the accompanying illustration, Lunar Mansion IV comprises seven stars arranged in a formation like that of the letter dāl, reflecting the textual description. In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 5a, however, it is illustrated with only six stars.

49 In the accompanying diagram, they are represented with three stars, though in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 5a, they are shown as six stars.

50 Lunar Mansion V. Most authors said that this lunar mansion was composed of three small stars next to one another like a small triangle in the constellation of Orion (λφ1φ2 Orionis).

51 The ‘vertebrae’ (al-faṣqār) was the traditional name for the famous asterism of the Belt of Orion (ξη Orionis). This Arab name reflects the anatomy of the very large giant named al-jawzāʾ that was larger than the Ptolemaic constellation of Orion.

52 The meaning of al-mīrẓam is so obscure that it is untranslatable. In the context of Lunar Mansions V and VI, it refers to stars in the constellation of Orion, usually interpreted as either α Orionis, a variable star that is the twelfth brightest in
(the supporter; γ Orionis?),53 and these are on the periphery towards the North. Al-nājid is a white star of the second magnitude, and al-mīrzam is a red star of first magnitude. Al-nājid is less bright than al-mīrzam. Between al-maysān (Lunar Mansion V) and al-dabaran (Lunar Mansion IV) there are stars known as al-tāj (the crown; υξπ2π1–6 Orionis ?), which are the head of al-jawzāʾ.54 Rising with them in the North are several contiguous stars called al-aʿlām (the signposts; βθγ Orionis), which have the form of a signpost.

In the South, there rise a group of stars arranged in a circle, called al-ʿatāʾ (the gift; unidentified). Below it is a group of stars called al-makākī (the mukkāʾ birds; unidentified),55 which are two red stars that resemble [the stars called] al-nasaq (the row).56 And this is what they look like:

[see fig. 1.8, diagram V, p. 215]

[V, 1]: South
[V, 2]: suhayl haḍārī57

The heavens, or γ Orionis. ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī said that people called the bright red star in Orion by the name of mīrzam al-jawzāʾ, but that to do so is incorrect, for the term properly belongs to the third star of the constellation (γ Orionis) which precedes it.

53 In the text, the name of this star is always written without diacritical dots. In the accompanying diagram, and also in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a, it is written as al-nājid. This spelling of the star-name (al-nājid) is recorded in some annwāʾ-sources and also in later navigation writings. The more common spelling is, however, al-nājidh, which was the common term for a molar tooth. It is said to be a star on the figure of the large giant al-jawzāʾ, but its precise identification is uncertain (possibly γ Orionis).

54 It is one of the traditional Arabic terms for the nine stars on the lion’s skin (or elongated sleeve) of the Ptolemaic constellation of Orion. The name al-tāj (the crown) reflects the ancient image of a very large giant called al-jawzāʾ, but its precise identification is uncertain (possibly γ Orionis).

55 Al-makākī is the plural of mukkāʾ, a white and light-brown coloured bird about the size of a nightingale (Dozy 1881, 2: 615). As a star-name their identity is uncertain. One annwāʾ-source specifies that they are two stars, but other sources suggest a larger group, in particular a group of stars of the constellation Hydra that in the Bedouin tradition were called al-sharāsīf (rib cartilages, or shackled camels).

56 The identity of the star-group called al-nasaq is uncertain. See Chapter Five above (entries 050, 076, and 124) and the Glossary of Star Names. It is not illustrated in the accompanying diagram.

57 Haḍārī was the name of one of two stars near Canopus (suhayl) whose rising was often mistaken for the rising of Canopus itself (see Lane 1865, 589). The meaning of the name haḍārī is obscure and the precise identity of the star uncertain. It is illustrated by five stars in a row, in both this manuscript and the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a, where the label is correctly written as suhayl haḍārī while our manuscript writes it as suhayl hamārī.

[V, 3]: al-ʿatāʾ (the gift; unidentified)58
[V, 4]: al-makākī (the mukkāʾ birds; unidentified)59
[V, 5]: al-nājid (the supporter; γ Orionis ?)60
[V, 6]: al-haṣqḥ [ξϕ2 Orionis; Lunar Mansion V]
[V, 7]: al-tāj [al-jawzāʾ] (the crown of al-jawzāʾ; υξπ2π1–6 Orionis ?)61
[V, 8]: al-mārām (longing, wish; α Orionis or γ Orionis)62
[V, 9]: al-aʿlām (the signposts; βθγ Aurigae)63
[V, 10]: maysān al-malik (the bright star of the king; ξ Geminorum)64

[V, 11]: North
[V, 12]: Al-haṣqḥ [Lunar Mansion V] rises on the fifteenth of Baʿīneh [the tenth Coptic month], which is the ninth of Ḥazīrān (June).

[VI] Al-hanʿah:55 Also called al-tahiyah (the greeting).66 These are five stars arranged like a horse-polo stick (γξημν Geminorum). The first to rise are the two stars which form the north-west curve of the stick. Rising together with them in the North is dhīrāʾ al-asad al-mabṣūṭah (the extended foreleg of the lion; α Geminorum ?).67

54 Illustrated with a ring of ten stars, it is omitted from the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a. The star-name is otherwise unattested.
55 It is illustrated by a row of five stars, although the text says it should be two red stars; it is omitted on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a.
56 It is illustrated by a single star both in the accompanying diagram and in that in MS CB, fol. 6a.
57 It is illustrated with an arc of ten stars on the accompanying diagram, while on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a, it is illustrated with an arc of twenty-four stars.
58 The name al-mārām is a variant form of the more common star-name al-mīrzam. In both this manuscript and MS CB, fol. 6a, it is illustrated with a single star.
59 Although usually applied to a group of three bright stars, the star-name is illustrated on the accompanying diagram with five stars in a row; it is omitted on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a.
60 In the diagram, the name is written with full diacritics as minshār al-malik, but in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a, it is clearly written as the more common maysān al-malik. In both this diagram and MS CB, it is illustrated with a single star.
61 Lunar Mansion VI. Some authors identified this lunar mansion with two stars in the constellation Gemini: γ Geminorum. Others said that the three stars in front of these two were also to be included—that is, that the lunar mansion consisted of five stars: γξημν Geminorum.
62 Al-tahiyah is one of the recorded spellings of a variant name for Lunar Mansion VI. In the text here, the name is written without diacritical dots, while in the accompanying diagram, it is written as al-tahiyah.
63 The ‘foreleg of the lion’ was a name applied to the two stars in the heads of the Ptolemaic Gemini (α Geminorum) and two in the Canis Minor (α Canis Minoris). In the Bedouin tradition, these stars were seen as forming the forelegs of an
Toward the South, ascends suhayl al-muḥnith (the false-swearing Canopus), a bright star that rises below the southern suhayl (Canopus). Many people mistake it to be the star Canopus, and this is why it is called the false-swearing. Then rises al-shiʿrā al-ghumaysā (the Sirius shedding tears), also known as the northern Sirius (α Canis Minoris, Procyon), which is a bright star. Thereafter rises sarir al-jawzāʾ (the bed of al-jawzāʾ; unidentified), and one of the two large male ostriches (ẓalīmān)－three stars.

The upper part of al-tahiyah [Lunar Mansion VI] is the indicator star (ʿayyiq-star) of the fourth [Lunar Mansion IV], and al-dhirāʿ (the foreleg [of the lion]; αβ Geminorum) is the indicator star of the fifth [Lunar Mansion V]. The lower star of al-dhirāʿ, and al-dhirāʿ itself, constitute two stars. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.8, diagram VI, p. 214]

[VI, 1]:
South
[VI, 2]:
al-makākī(themukkā'birds;unidentified)
[VI, 3]:
suhayl al-muḥnith (the false-swearing Canopus; unidentified)
[VI, 4]:
al-zalīmān (the two male ostriches; uncertain identity)
[VI, 5]:
rijl al-jabīhar (the foot of the giant; β Orionis)
[VI, 6]:
al-faqār (the vertebrae of al-jawzā'); the Belt of Orion, δζ Orionis
[VI, 7]:
al-lakiyyah (=al-tahiyah) (γζ γΣ Geminorum; Lunar Mansion VI)
[VI, 8]:
qā'id al-tahiyah (the leader of al-tahiyah; unidentified)
[VI, 9]:
North
[VI, 10]:
Al-han'ah [Lunar Mansion VI] rises on the twenty-eighth of Baʿāineh [the tenth Coptic month], which is the twenty-second of Ḥazīrān (June).

[VII] Al-dhirāʿ al-maqbūdah (the drawn-up foreleg of the lion), which is the southern one of the two forelegs; αβ Canis Minoris. These are two stars that appear to be a distance of one dhirāʿ from each

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74 In both the accompanying diagram and in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a, it is illustrated by a row of five stars. 75 This star is not illustrated or labelled in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a. 76 The accompanying text suggests that one ‘ostrich’ was composed of three stars, and they are illustrated as two rows of three stars each. The star-group is not illustrated in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a. 77 The name rijl al-jabīhar is an alternative form of rijl al-jawzāʾ. It was usually identified with just one star, that of β Orionis (Rigel), the seventh brightest star of the heavens. It is illustrated with a single star, as also in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a; however, in MS CB it is illustrated and labelled twice, once with southern stars and once with northern ones. 78 It is illustrated with three stars. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a, it is not shown, but it was illustrated in the diagram for the previous lunar mansion in MS CB (fol. 6a), where it also consisted of three stars. 79 The accompanying text states that it consisted of five stars, but the illustration shows six. On the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a, it is shown with five stars and given the more common designation al-han'ah. 80 This star-name is otherwise unattested, and the star is not mentioned in the accompanying text. It is also illustrated and labelled on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a, where it is shown as a single star. 81 The name of Lunar Mansion VII is usually shortened to simply al-dhirāʿ (foreleg of the lion), a name applied to the two stars in the heads of Gemini (αβ Geminorum) and two in the Canis Minor (αβ Canis Minoris), reflecting the Bedouin asterism of an enormous lion covering an area of the heavens much larger than the Ptolemaic Leo. There was disagreement as to which of these two groups of stars constituted Lunar Mansion VII. Our author interprets Lunar Mansion VII as
other.83 Rising with them, to the North are al-athaṭāfī (the legs of a tripod; στ or πφ Draconis),83 al-qidr (the cooking pot; ηθ Cephei + others nearby),84 al-maʿrafah (the knowledge; unidentified),85 and the last star in the sarīr banāt naʿsh (the bed of the daughters of the bier), which is the northern front one (α Ursae Majoris ?).

Toward the South rises al-shiʾrāʿ al-ʿabūr (the Sirius passing-over; α Canis Majoris, Sirius),86 which is a bright star of first magnitude, together with a star called its mīrzam (companion; β Canis Majoris), also known as kalb al-jabbār (the dog of the giant).87 Whenever it rises, dogs and wolves are seized by rabies. This is what the lunar mansion and its ʿayyaqūṭ-stars look like:

[see fig. 1.8, diagram VII, p. 214]

[VII, 1]: South
[VII, 2]: al-ẓalīmān (the two male ostriches; unidentified)88

the southern foreleg (αβ Canis Minoris), and he is not unique amongst awāʿa-sources in doing this.

82 Dhiraʿ is both a term for a unit of measure and a term for the ‘foreleg’ of an animal (or forearm, or cubit, of a human). When used as a unit of angular distance, as it is in this context, it is approximately equivalent to the breadth of a thumb when it is held up at arm’s length against the sky. It was defined by ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Šūfī as 2°20ʾ.

83 The name was applied to at least three different groups formed of three stars.

84 According to ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Šūfī, Arabs traditionally gave the name al-qidr, a kettle or cooking pot, to a wide circle of dark stars that lay between α in Cepheus (two bright stars on the shoulders of the figure) and the end of the right wing of Cygnus overhead and in line with the square of stars on the body of Draco and the tail of the swan Cynus. This circle of stars would include ηθ Cephei. The asterism is illustrated in the diagram, however, with a row of three stars.

85 A star-group called al-maʿrafah is said in some awāʿa-sources to be near the star-groups al-athaṭāfī, al-qidr, and banāt naʿsh—precisely the same description as given in this text. In our manuscript the word in written as al-mīhraʿfah (the spoon or the scoop); the spelling al-mīʿrafah is also recorded as well as one other instance of al-mīhraʿfah. The most common spelling, however, is al-maʿrafah.

86 The name al-shiʾrāʿ al-ʿabūr derives from a Bedouin legend of two Sari, both sisters of Canopus (subayl) who had married the very large giant al-jawzāʿ. The southern Sirius was called al-shiʾrāʿ al-ʿabūr (the Sirius passing over) because it is said to cross the Milky Way southward toward Canopus when fleeing toward the South after injuring al-jawzāʿ.

87 The ‘dog of the giant’ was another name for Sirius (α Canis Majoris). The text is rather unclear here, for on first reading it would appear the ‘dog of the giant’ (kalb al-jabbār) applied to the companion star (β Canis Majoris) rather than Sirius. The star Sirius is still today called the dog-star and the days of greatest heat the dog-days.

88 The ‘two male ostriches’ were usually aligned in the Bedouin tradition with Πiōcis Austrini and α Εridani. Here, however, they are illustrated with four stars; in the diagram for the previous lunar mansion they were illustrated as six stars in two rows. In the illustration for Lunar Mansion VII in MS CB, fol. 8a, there are eight stars in an ‘L’ formation, labelled al-ẓalīmān al-kabīrān (the two large ostriches).

89 They are illustrated in the accompanying diagram with twelve stars in a curving line. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 8a, it is a straight line of six stars.

90 Ibn Qutaybah said that al-kursi (the throne) was the name for four stars arranged in an irregular square under al-jawwāʿ (the large giant). ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Šūfī identified these as four stars in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Lepus. It is represented here by three stars in a triangular formation; it is not illustrated in MS CB, fol. 8a.

91 The star was omitted on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 8a.

92 The name al-dhirāʿ al-maqbūdah is a copyist’s error, repeating that given for two stars above and to the right of these two stars. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 8a, these are two stars labelled al-dhirāʿ al-shaʿmī (the northern foreleg)—that is to say, the second of the two pairs of stars forming the forelegs of the large lion. Since our author interprets the southern foreleg (αβ Canis Minoris) as being Lunar Mansion VII, then this star-group must be the northern pair of stars, αβ Geminorum.

93 The otherwise unattested star-name presumably refers to some of the stars in the constellation of the Great Bear (Ursa Major). In the accompanying text for this lunar mansion, stars in and around the constellation Cepheus are mentioned under the star-name al-qidr, as well as the true northernmost star in the ‘bed’ of the banāt naʿsh (possibly α Ursae Majoris). In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 8a, a line of three stars labelled al-qidr is illustrated with another line of three stars immediately beneath, and this lower line is labelled wa-huwa raʾs al-dubb (that is, the head of the bear). This suggests that the name raʾs al-dubb is an alternative name for al-qidr (the cooking pot), usually identified as ηθ Cephei plus other nearby stars.

94 Lunar Mansion VII, al-nathrah, was usually interpreted as comprising three stars in the constellation of Cancer: the prominent open star cluster M44 (Praesepe or the Beehive) as well as two additional stars, one on either side of the open
almost like a cloud, that looks like a smudge on the front of Cancer. It is between two stars known as al-ḥimārān (the two donkeys; γς Canceri).\footnote{The name al-ḥimārān (the donkeys) in the related diagram in Ms CB, fol. 9a, is illustrated as being in the southern skies and not the southern, even though it is labelled as being in the southern skies and formed of five stars.} One of them forms the right eye of Cancer, and the other its left eye. Al-nathrah [is between these two, but] projects slightly southwards. With it, toward the North, rises one of the two southern stars (βγ Ursae Majoris) forming the bed of the banāt naʿsh (daughters of the bier).\footnote{This star-name does not appear to occur in the anwāʿ-literature as such, but Ptolemy (following an earlier Greek tradition) called the two stars either side of the open star cluster (M44) in Cancer by a Greek name meaning ‘asses’. For these two stars (γς Canceri) ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī used the term al-ḥimārān ‘the two donkeys’. In the later navigational literature as recorded by Ibn Majīd (Jl. c. 880/1475), the star-name al-ḥimārān was used for two quite different stars: ας Centauri. Here the reference is probably to the two stars forming the bier or ‘bed’ in Ursa Major, and the two southern of the four stars would be γς Ursae majoris.} In the South rise al-ʿadhārā (the virgins; ι2 Canis Majoris).\footnote{This star-name is illustrated with a pair of stars beneath a different pair of stars labelled al-ṣirr. The significance of the four in this region of the skies.}\footnote{Al-ʿadhārā is an alternative name for a star-group called al-ʿudhrah (virginity) in Chapter Five of Book One. Its identification is uncertain. Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way under the star Sirius (ι Canis Majoris) there were five stars called al-ʿudhrah. Some have identified them as ας Canis Majoris. It is illustrated with a pair of stars.}\footnote{The name al-ṣirr derives from a Bedouin legend of two Sirī, sisters of Canopus (subayl) who had married the very large giant al-jawaṣ. The Sirius in Canis Major and was called al-ṣirr al-ʿabīr (the Sirius passing over) because it was said to cross the Milky Way southward toward Canopus when fleeing toward the South after injuring al-jawaṣ.}\footnote{Presumably some stars in or around the constellation of Hydra. One recorded anwāʿ-author (Ibn Mammātī, d. 606/1209) mentions a star-group of this name in connection with Lunar Mansion VIII, but gives no further details. An earlier anwāʿ-author, Ḥamīd ibn Fāris (fl. 371/982), in connection with Lunar Mansion IX states that raʾs al-ṣirrus is an alternative name for al-ʿadhārā (the virgins). Here, however, raʾs al-ṣirrus is illustrated as a pair of stars beneath a different pair of stars labelled al-ʿadhārā. The star-group raʾs al-ṣirrus is not shown on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 9a.} It is said to cross the Milky Way southward toward Canopus when called very large giant of two sirī, sisters of Canopus (Canis Majoris). it is illustrated with a pair of stars.\footnote{This label and illustration appear to be a repetition of a design and label in the upper middle of the diagram, although here only four stars are shown, two labeled sarīr (bed) and two labeled banāt naʿsh (daughters of the bier). This latter design corresponds to the design in MS CB, fols. 9a, illustrated with two stars labelled sarīr banāt (bed of the daughters) and two labelled naʿsh al-kubrā (the large bier).} In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 9a, it is also illustrated as being in the southern skies and formed of five stars.\footnote{The name al-ṭarf (the vision or sight) reflects the image of the large lion of Bedouin tradition.}

[see fig. 19, diagram VIII, p. 233]

\textbf{[VIII, 1]: South}

\textbf{[VIII, 2]: al-ṣirr al-ʿabīr (α Canis Majoris, Sirius)}

\textbf{[VIII, 3]: al-aʾlām (the signposts; βγ Aurigae ?)}

\textbf{[VIII, 4]: mirzamuhā (its companion, i.e., the companion of al-ṣirr al-ʿabīr; β Canis Majoris)}
the rear part of banāt naʿsh (daughters of the bier; ηζ Ursae Majoris ?), and toward the South baldat al-thaʿlab (the place of the fox; unidentified), which is a cluster of four stars arranged in a line. The indicator-star (‘ayyāq-star) of this lunar mansion is al-ʿudhrah (virginitity; unidentified), which are eight stars rising over the front of al-kalb al-akbar (the greater dog; the constellation Canis Major) and beneath al-shiʿirā (Sirius). This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.9, diagram IX, p. 212]

[X, 1]: South
[X, 2]: baldat al-thaʿlab (the place of the fox; unidentified)
[X, 3]: al-ṭarf (α Leonis, x Cancri; Lunar Mansion IX)
[X, 4]: asfal sarīr | banāt naʿsh (the lower part of the bed | of the daughters of the bier; αβγ Ursae Majoris ?)
[X, 5]: al-banāt (the daughters; unidentified)
[X, 6]: al-suḥā (the overlooked one)
[X, 7]: North

[106] The ‘place of the fox’ was usually interpreted as an area of no stars, most commonly assigned it to a region between α Andromedae and the two stars γ Persei and β Andromedae. The association of a fox with an area lacking stars may reflect the association of foxes with baldness, for the common name for alopecia was dāʿ al-thaʿlab, ‘the disease of the fox’. Here, however, it is specifically stated that ‘the place of the fox’ is a cluster of four stars arranged in a line; in the accompanying diagram it is illustrated with six stars in two rows.

[107] Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way under the star Sirius (α Canis Majoris) there were five stars called al-ʿudhrah. Some have identified them as αβgam Canis Majoris. Here it is specified that the star-group consists of eight stars rising in front of Canis Major and beneath Sirius, though it is illustrated with only two stars.

[108] Although the ‘place of the fox’ was most often associated with an area lacking stars, it is here depicted as six stars in two rows of three; on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a, it is semi-circle of ten stars.

[109] It is presumably the ‘bed’ or ‘bier’ here represented is that in Ursa Major, along with the ‘daughters of the bier’ (αβγ Ursae Majoris and γεκ Ursae Majoris). This drawing (and one of the two given earlier for Lunar Mansion VIII) suggests that the author, or his source, interpreted the ‘bed’ as three stars, with the fourth star combined with the three ‘daughters’. If this interpretation is correct, then the three stars on the righthand side, labelled ‘the lower bed’ would be αβγ Ursae Majoris. The equivalent illustration in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a, has eight stars labelled ushnān al-ṭarf (the potash of al-ṭarf) which makes little sense; it might be read as an error for asnān al-ṭarf (the teeth of al-ṭarf), but the meaning of that is also obscure.

[110] It is here illustrated with a pair of stars, but it is not illustrated or named on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a.

[111] A small star next to the one in the middle of the tail of Ursa Major (Flam. 8o, γ Ursae Majoris). Because the star was not listed by Ptolemy, ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī called it ‘the overlooked one’ (al-suḥā), adding that it is a star by which men can

[X, 8]: Al-ṭarf [Lunar Mansion IX] rises on the seventh of Msrā [the twelfth Coptic month], which is the first of Ḥū (August).

[X]: Al-jabhah: Then rises al-jabhah (the forehead of the lion), which is four widely-spaced stars (ζηε Leonis), two of which are bright and two obscure. The southern of the two bright stars is called qalb al-asad (the lion’s heart; α Leonis, Regulus). Rising with it is al-hawrā (the black-eyed beauty; ε Ursae Majoris), which is one of the three stars within banāt naʿsh (the daughters of the bier). Toward the South rises a star called al-fard (the solitary one; α Hydrae, Alphard), which is a small star between suhayl (Canopus) and al-jabhah (Lunar Mansion X). Canopus rises together with al-jabhah in the Hijaz and Iraq, but in Egypt and the Maghreb it rises together with al-khurtān (Lunar Mansion XI). The indicator-star (‘ayyāq-star) of this lunar mansion (Lunar Mansion X) is al-fard (the solitary one; α Hydrae, Alphard) in the South. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.9, diagram X, p. 211]

[X, 1]: South
[X, 2]: al-safinah (the ship; unidentified)
[X, 3]: al-jabhah [ζηε Leonis; Lunar Mansion X]

Test their vision. It is here shown as a single star, as it is also in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a.

[112] In the Greek-Ptolemaic tradition, the ‘heart of the lion’ was a common designation for the bright star Regulus. In the Arab Bedouin tradition, however, the star did not have its own distinctive name, but was simply one of the four stars comprising Lunar Mansion X. A number of anwâr-authors, however, do state that the name qalb al-asad was given to the southern, bright, first-magnitude star of the group (that is, α Leonis), sometimes adding that it was ‘scientific astronomers’ (munajjinūn) who used that term for the star.

[113] The three stars comprising the tail of the Great Bear (Ursa Major) were called ‘the daughters of the bier,’ and the ‘black-eyed beauty’ (al-hawrā) is the first star in the tail. The word al-hawrā is the feminine form of an adjective describing a woman (or female animal) with deep-black eyes contrasting markedly with the white of the eye. The star-name is often written as al-faww (the black horse), and there are many other variants, including al-jawāza. The preferred reading, however, is al-hawrā or al-haww.

[114] In the previous sentence Canopus was called by its most common name, suhayl, while here the alternative name suhayl al-yamāni is used.

[115] The asterism is not mentioned in the accompanying text, but it is here illustrated with a ring of thirteen stars; in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 11a, it is represented by nineteen stars arranged in an irregular rectangular pattern.
[X, 4]: al-qafazāt (the leaps of the gazelles); υξ, λν, νξ Ursae Majoris)

[X, 5]: al-fard (the solitary one; a Hydræ, Alphard)

[X, 6]: suhayl (Canopus)

[X, 7]: North

[X, 8]: Al-jabhah [Lunar Mansion X] rises on the twentieth of Misrá [the twelfth Coptic month], which is the fourteenth of ʿĀb (August).

[XI]: Al-khurtān, also known as al-zubrah (?). These are two bright stars on the hip of the lion (δθ Leonis). Rising with it toward the north is al-ʿanāq (the young she-goat; ζ Ursae Majoris, Mizar), a star in the banāt naʿsh (the daughters of the bier; ηζε Ursae Majoris), together with al-suhā (the overlooked one), which is a small star attached to it. Rising in the South are the sharāsīf (the rib cartilages) and qafazāt al-ẓibāʾ (the feet of Canopus). This is what they look like:

[see fig. 1.9, diagram XI, p. 211]

The leaps are ‘the leaps of the gazelles (qafazāt al-sibā);’ which according to Bedouin tradition referred to twin stars in each of the three prominently depicted feet of the Great Bear. Here only one pair is illustrated (as also earlier in Chapter Five and also in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 11a). In MS CB the name is written without any diacritical dots which allows for other interpretations, while in this manuscript the name is written as al-ḥuqurāt, a spelling that occurs in a few manuscripts of awwā-ʿītreatises during discussion of Lunar Mansion XI. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XI in MS CB, fol. 12a, the name is written as al-faqarāt, which is an attested star-name, but one that refers to stars in the constellation Scorpio, far from this lunar mansion. The reading of al-qafazāt is confirmed by the text by Ahmad ibn Fāris (fl. 377/982), who specified that it is qafazāt al-sibā.

In MS CB, fol. 11a, it is not illustrated.

Lunar Mansion XI. The name al-khurtān (two holes, or eyelets) is not the most common name for this lunar mansion, but it does occur occasionally, and it was used in the opening diagram in Chapter One of Book One.

The alternative, and in fact more common, name for Lunar Mansion XI was al-suhā, meaning ‘the mane of the large lion.’ which was the Bedouin name for last star in the tail of ursa Majoris, possibly ει Carinae.

The second brightest star in the heavens (modern ζ Carinae), It is illustrated with a single star, as also on MS CB, fol. 12a, where it has the alternative name suhayl al-yamānī.

The group-star is here illustrated with ten stars in two columns of five each, while in Chapter Five it was illustrated with six stars in two rows of three each. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 12a, this star-group is illustrated with twelve stars in two uneven rows.

This single star is omitted on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 12a.

The word al-ʿayf is the name of the five intercalary days (called Epagomenai) at the end of the Coptic year; these days are not assigned to any month. Thus the Coptic calendar is divided into twelve months of thirty days each, with five intercalary days at the end.

Lunar Mansion XII. This lunar mansion consists of only one star, a bright star in the constellation of Leo (β Leonis). It was called al-sarfah (change of weather), according to ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī, because its rising at dawn before the Sun foretold the weather changing from heat to cooler temperatures, while its setting at dawn indicated a change from cold weather. It was seen as part of the image of the large lion of Bedouin tradition, and so it is here described as being the tail of the large lion.

The word al-ḥulbah (the coarse hair) refers to the asterism now called Coma Berenices (Berenice’s Hair). In the Arab Bedouin tradition the name refers to the hairy tip of the lion’s tail.

The name al-qāʾid is in some awwā-ʿī writings mentioned in connection with Lunar Mansion XII and used apparently as an alternative name for the more common al-qaʿid (the leader), which was the Bedouin name for last star in the tail of Ursa Major (η Ursae Majoris, Alkaid).
curve), which have a form like that of al-khabā (the tent; βγδε Corvi ?).\(^{131}\) This is what they look like:

[see fig. 1.9, diagram XII, p. 210]

[XII, 1]: South
[XII, 2]: al-khabā (the tent; βγδε Corvi ?)\(^{132}\)
[XII, 3]: al-sarfah (Leo; Lunar Mansion XII)
[XII, 4]: tawābī al-asad (the followers of the lion; unidentified)
[XII, 5]: kābīd al-asad | al-qārī (the lion’s liver | pitch-like; η Ursae Majoris)\(^{133}\)
[XII, 6]: North
[XII, 7]: al-sarfah (Lunar Mansion XII) rises on the twelfth of Tūt [the first Coptic month], which is the ninth of Aylūl (September).

[XIII] Al-awwāwā: Then rises al-awwāwā’, which is a group of five stars in the form of the letter kāf turned upside down (βγδε Virginis).\(^{134}\) The head of the letter and its beginning are towards the North, while its bend is turned towards the South. At the bend there is a bright star (γ Virginis). Visible toward the North at the same time are al-tawābī (the followers; unidentified), which is a group of stars below al-qārī (the pitch-like; η Ursae Majoris ?).\(^{135}\) In the South rise ‘arsh al-simāk (the throne of simāk), which are four stars in the form of a rectangle (βγδε Corvi), and these are the indicator-stars (‘ayyūq-stars) of this lunar mansion.

[see fig. 1.9, diagram XIII, p. 210]

[XIII, 1]: South
[XIII, 2]: al-tā’īr (the flying one; unidentified)\(^{136}\)
[XIII, 3]: al-‘arsh (= ‘arsh al-simāk) (the throne of the unarmed simāk; βγδε Corvi)\(^{137}\)
[XIII, 4]: al-‘awwāwā’ (βγδε Virginis; Lunar Mansion XIII)
[XIII, 5]: al-hulbah (the coarse hair; Coma Berenices)\(^{138}\)
[XIII, 6]: North
[XIII, 7]: al-awwāwā’ (Lunar Mansion XIII) rises on the twenty-fifth of Tūt [the first Coptic month], which is the twentieth-second of Aylūl (September).

[XIV] Al-simāk: Then rises al-simāk al-a’zal (the unarmed simāk; α Virginis, Spica), after al-simāk al-rāmiḥ (the armed simāk; α Boötis, Arcturus).\(^{139}\) Al-simāk al-a’zal is composed of three stars, the southern and most luminous of which is simāk itself. The other two stars are in the form of the suspending strap of a balance, and they are also called al-sunbulah (the ear of wheat; unidentified). The indicator-star (‘ayyūq-star) of al-simāk is rāyat al-simāk al-rāmiḥ (the standard of al-simāk

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\(^{131}\) The star-name al-munʿatf (the curve) has not been found in recorded sources; in the manuscript it is written without diacritical dots. It is unclear from the text whether it was intended as an alternative name for al-khabā (the tent) or simply resembled it in general shape. Since al-munʿatf is not mentioned in the accompanying diagram, but al-khabā is, it is likely that they are intended as synonyms. Al-khabā was a name given by Bedouins to stars comprising the Ptolemaic constellation of Corvus, the Raven; some restricted it to just four stars in the constellation, βγδε Corvi.

\(^{132}\) It is illustrated by a ring of nine stars, while in the corresponding illustration in MS CB, fol. 13a, it is a ring of ten stars.

\(^{133}\) The lion’s liver’ was a name given by Bedouins to a small star that was one of the two external stars of Ursa Major (Flam. 12, α Canum Venaticorum). Its Arabic name reflects the image of a large lion chasing the deer whose ‘heaps’ are formed by the twin stars in the feet of the Great Bear. The fact that in this diagram both star-names (kābīd al-asad, al-qārī) are written either side of a single star suggests that the author or copyist considered them to be the same star. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 13a, three stars are labelled kābīd al-asad and there is no mention of al-qārī.

\(^{134}\) The meaning of the name of Lunar Mansion XIII, al-awwāwā’, is obscure. Five stars in Virgo were usually considered to comprise this lunar mansion (βγδε Virginis). Some Arabic writers, however, said that only four were recognized as constituting this lunar mansion.

\(^{135}\) The name al-qārī was used by other authors as an alternative name for the more common al-qārī (the leader), the name of the last star in the tail of Ursa Major (η Ursae Majoris, Alkaid).

\(^{136}\) From the diagram it appears that ‘the flying one’ refers to a group of stars, illustrated as eight stars in a V-formation, rising toward the South as Lunar Mansion XII rises. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 14a, a V-formation of nine stars is labelled al-kās (= al-ka’īs) rather than al-tā’īr.

\(^{137}\) ‘The throne of the [unarmed] simāk’ was located in the southern constellation of the Raven (Corvus). The ‘unarmed simāk’ (al-simāk al-a’zal) was the large star Spica in Virgo (α Virginis), which early Arabs viewed as one of the back legs of a very large lion. The throne is illustrated with four stars arranged in a square. It is not illustrated on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 14a.

\(^{138}\) In the Arab Bedouin tradition, al-hulbah (hair) referred to the hairy tip of the lion’s tail. It is here illustrated with thirteen stars arranged in three irregular rows; in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 14a, it is illustrated by ten stars in two unequal rows.

\(^{139}\) Lunar Mansion XIV takes is name al-simāk, from the star called ‘the unarmed simāk’ (al-simāk al-a’zal), a single star in the constellation Virgo (α Virginis, Spica). However, the author defines al-simāk al-a’zal, in the sense of a lunar mansion, as consisting of three stars—an apparently unique definition that is reflected in its illustration in the accompanying diagram.

\(^{140}\) In the Bedouin tradition, the name al-simāk al-rāmiḥ (the armed simāk, or lance-bearing simāk), represented by the star Arcturus, was applied to one of the hind legs of a huge lion. This star can be seen in a direct line due north of Spica, which represented the other hind leg of the very large lion.
al-rāmiḥ; ε Boötis + ?)¹⁴¹ towards the South, which is composed of five stars.

[see fig. 1.9, diagram XIV, p. 209]

[XIV, 1]: South

[XIV, 2]: al-naʾāʾim (the ostriches; γδεησφτζ Sagittarius)¹⁴²

[XIV, 3]: udhī al-naʾām (the nest of ostriches; stars in Sagittarius ?)¹⁴³

[XIV, 4]: al-simāk al-aʿzal [α Virginis, Spica; Lunar Mansion XIV]

[XIV, 5]: al-simāk al-rāmiḥ (the armed simāk; α Boötis, Arcturus)¹⁴⁴

[XIV, 6]: rāyat al-simāk [al-rāmiḥ] (the standard of al-simāk al-rāmiḥ; ε Boötis + ?)

[XIV, 7]: North

[XIV, 8]: al-simāk [Lunar Mansion XIV] rises on the eighth of Bābeh [the second Coptic month], which is the [fifth] of Tishrīn al-awwal (October).

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XV, p. 209]

[XV, 1]: South

[XV, 2]: al-farasān (the two horses; unidentified)¹⁴⁸

[XV, 3]: al-ghafir [α Virginis; Lunar Mansion XV]

[XV, 4]: al-fakkah (αβθπγδει Corona Borealis)¹⁴⁹

[XV, 5]: al-qilādah | yusammā qaṣʿat al-masākīn (the necklace [ε Coro Sagittarii], called 'the dish of the poor')¹⁵⁰

[XV, 6]: North

[XV, 7]: al-ghafir [Lunar Mansion XV] rises on the twenty-first of Bābeh [the second Coptic month], which is the eighteenth of Tishrīn al-awwal (October).

[XVI] Al-zubānayān, that is, zabūnayū al-ʿaqrab (the two claws of the scorpion; α Librae).¹⁵³ These are two luminous stars across the sky, which seem to be one rumḥ¹⁵² away from each other, or less. The southern of the two rises before the northern one.

¹⁴¹ ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified the ‘standard of al-simāk al-rāmiḥ’ as a small star nearby al-simāk al-rāmiḥ (Arcturus) aligned with the Ptolemaic star referred to today as ε Boötis. In the accompanying illustration, however, it is shown as a pair of stars, while the text specifies that it consists of five stars.

¹⁴² The name usually applied to eight stars in the constellation of Sagittarius, four on either side of the Milky Way. Here it is illustrated with nine stars, and nine stars (labelled al-naʿām) are also used in the illustration in MS CB, fol. 15a.

¹⁴³ The ‘ostrich nest’ (al-udhīy) was a name given to at least three different groups of stars: six in the constellation of Sagittarius, five stars in Eridanus combined with two in Cetus, and the stars forming the Southern Crown (Corona Australis). In Chapter Five of Book One it was illustrated with a single star, but here is shown as six stars, while in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 15a it is illustrated with eleven stars.

¹⁴⁴ Here it is illustrated with two stars. In Chapter Five of Book One it was illustrated with five stars. Both of these interpretations are most unusual, if not unique. The related diagram in MS CB, fol. 15a, illustrates it with the usual single star.

¹⁴⁵ Lunar Mansion XIV was usually interpreted as consisting of three stars in the constellation Virgo (α Virginis). Many etymologies are presented in the Arabic astronomical literature for the word ghafir, the most common being that the name was applied because the stars were inconspicuous.

¹⁴⁶ The reading is uncertain. The Arabic al-‘ibwi al-samā, is possibly a corruption of a star-name al-aḍḍu al-shamālāt (the northern enemy) given in copy M for a star in Chapter Five of Book One that in the early copy A was called al-nabīras al-shamālāt (the northern walled enclosure) and in copies D and B al-faras al-shamālāt (the northern horse). The position of this unidentified star in the list given in Chapter Five suggests that it is near Spica (α Virginis).

¹⁴⁷ This pair of luminous stars rising to the south of Lunar Mansion XV are probably in the northern part of the constellation of Centaurus, but precise identification is uncertain.

¹⁴⁸ On MS CB, fol. 15a, the word is written as al-larasān and illustrated with four stars.

¹⁴⁹ It is illustrated with nine rather than eight stars; on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 15a, it is illustrated with seven stars, one larger than the others.

¹⁵⁰ The phrase yusammā qaṣʿat al-masākīn (called the dish of the poor) has been incorrectly added to this illustration; it ought instead to go with the star-group al-fakkah to the right, for the phrase ‘dish of the poor’ was an alternative Bedouin name given the constellation of Corona Borealis, more commonly known as al-fakkah.

¹⁵¹ Lunar Mansion XVI comprises two large stars in the constellation of Libra, one is each of the pans of the balance. In antiquity the constellation now known as Libra was seen as the two claws of a scorpion, with Scorpio and Libra essentially combined into one constellation, hence the name the ‘two claws’ (al-zubānayān).

¹⁵² A rumḥ is a unit of angular measurement whose generally accepted value at the time of composition is uncertain. In modern terms it is equivalent to 4°30’, or one eightieth of a circle.

¹⁵³ A rumḥ is a unit of angular measurement whose generally accepted value at the time of composition is uncertain. In modern terms it is equivalent to 4°30’, or one eightieth of a circle. In the present context, however, it must be more than twice that in distance. Ibn Qutaybah gives the distance between the two stars as five dhirāʿ, a dhirāʿ being the breadth of a thumb when it is held up at arm’s length against
Both are of the second order of magnitude. The ʿayyūq-star of al-zubānayān toward the North is al-ʿawāʿidh (the camel-mothers; γξϕν Dracoensis), and in the South mankiq qantārus (the shoulder of Centaurus; or ☊ Centauri). Rising with it is al-nasaq al-shaʾmī (the northern row; 13 stars in Serpenterius, Hercules, and Lyra), which has a form of a rope with its stars attached to each other. Al-ʿahmirah (the donkeys; stars in Hydra ?), consisting of four stars, rises toward the South. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XVI, p. 208]

[XVI, 1]: South

[XVI, 2]: al-ʿahmirah (the donkeys; stars in Hydra ?)

[XVI, 3]: al-zubānayān (ας Librae; Lunar Mansion XVI)

[XVI, 4]: al-ʿawāʿidh (the camel-mothers; γξϕν Dracoensis) | ʿayyūq al-zubānayān (the ʿayyūq-star of Lunar Mansions XVI)

[XVI, 5]: North

[XVI, 6]: al-zubānayān [Lunar Mansion XVI] rises on the fourth of Hatūr [the third Coptic month], which is the last day of Tishrīn al-awwal (October)

[XVII] Al-iklīl: Then rises al-iklīl (the crown), which is composed of five stars [in Libra and/or Scorpio] that form a curve towards the North-East, resembling the star-group al-tahiyah (the greeting; Lunar Mansion VI) turned upside down. The three middle stars are of the fourth order of magnitude, with the median star the most luminous and close to the third [degree of magnitude ?]. Its ʿayyūq-stars toward the South are al-nasaqayn (the two rows; 27 stars in Serpenterius, Hercules, and Lyra), which form the two legs of the snake-charmer holding its serpent. Rising with it to the North is al-ʿawāʿidh (the camel-mothers; γξϕν Dracoensis), composed of four stars in the form of a rectangle, and to the South al-sābiq al-awwal (the first racing horse; ζ Ophiuchi) belonging to al-ʿahmirah (the donkeys; stars in Hydra ?) and al-khayl (the horses; stars under λ Scorpiions), and their aflāʾ (foals; small stars in the midst of the ʿhorses'). This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XVII, p. 207]

[XVII, 1]: South

[XVII, 2]: al-jawzāʾ

[XVII, 3]: aflāʾ al-khayl (the foals of the horses; small stars under λ Scorpiions)

[XVII, 4]: al-iklīl (5 stars in Libra and/or Scorpio; Lunar Mansion XVII)

[XVII, 5]: al-iklīl al-shaʾmī (the northern crown; the constellation Corona Borealis)

[XVII, 6]: al-ʿawāʿidh (the camel-mothers; γξϕν Dracoensis)

[XVII, 7]: al-nasaq (the row; stars in Serpenterius ?)

[XVII, 8]: North

[XVII, 9]: al-iklīl [Lunar Mansion XVII] rises on the seventeenth of Hatūr [the third Coptic month], which is the thirteenth of Tishrīn al-thānī (November)

[XVIII] Al-qalb: Then rises al-qalb (the heart; α Scorpiions, Antares), which is a luminous star of the third order of magnitude. It is located between two obscure stars called al-niyāṭ (the arteries; σ Scorpiions), but projects slightly to the North. Its ʿayyūq-star in the North is al-nasar al-wāqū (the falling eagle; α Lyrae, Vega), which rises before al-qalb (Antares, the sky, or approximately 2°20′ (see ibn Qutaybah 1956, 68; ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 202; Kunitzsch 1961, 118 no. 322a).

153 The star-group called al-ʿawāʿidh (the camel-mothers), appears an odd choice for the ʿayyūq-star of Lunar Mansion XVI, for the constellation of Libra is far distant from the four stars in Draco forming the camel-mothers'.

154 In both the illustration and in MS CB fol. 17a the star group is illustrated with four stars forming a square. The name probably refers to stars at the eastern end of Hydra or the north-eastern part of Centaurus.

155 Two rather than four stars have been indicated and labelled as al-ʿawāʿidh. On the related diagram in MS CB folio 17a the name al-ʿawāʿidh has not been used at all, but rather a group of five stars are labeled simply ʿayyūq al-zubānayān.

156 The traditions are not consistent with regard to the identification of Lunar Mansion XVIII. As many as five different interpretations are given: (1) three stars in Libra (in the bar supporting the scales of Libra, probably Þε Librae with one unidentified); (2) three stars in a row in the constellation of Scorpio (Ξε Scorpiions); (3) three stars in Libra only one of which is in the bar supporting the scales (Ξ Librae and possibly k Librae and Flam. 39); (4) the three previous stars plus two unidentified stars one of which might be Flam. 40 in Scorpio; and (5) five stars in Libra, one of which is at the northern end of the bar (Ξ Librae) and the other of uncertain identification.

157 The entry for Lunar Mansion XVII is missing from MS CB.

158 Al-jawzāʾ is the Bedouin name for a very large giant that covered a much larger area than our Orion. It was also the traditional name for the zodiacal constellation of Gemini. It is uncertain what star-group is intended by this ring of eight stars.

159 An unspecified al-nasaq (row) is here illustrated with a diagonal row of eight stars, while the accompanying text speaks of two rows (al-nasaqayn), which include 27 stars in Serpenterius, Hercules, and Lyra.

160 Lunar Mansion XVIII consists of a single star, the fifteenth brightest star in the heavens, today called Antares (a Scorpiions).
Lunar Mansion XVIII and after al-iklīl (Lunar Mansion XVII). Rising with it is the luminous star on the head of the serpent held by the snake-charmer (α Serpentis ?). Al-qalb (Antares) together with al-nasr [al-wāqiʿ] (Vega) are two stars called al-harrārān (the two whimpering dogs), and when they rise the weather gets cold. Rising in the South is al-sābiq al-akhar (the other racing horse; η Ophiuchi), which is a luminous star, as well as many other stars. This is how they look:

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XVIII, p. 206]

[XVIII, 1]: South

[XVIII, 2]: al-sābiq al-akhar (the other racing horse, η Ophiuchi)

[XVIII, 3]: al-zibaʾ (the gazelles; χαντιδο Ursa Majoris ?)

[XVIII, 4]: al-qalb (α Scorpionis (Antares), with two near-by stars; Lunar Mansion XVIII

[XVIII, 5]: al-ʿawāʾidh (the camel-mothers; γξβν Draconis)

[XVIII, 6]: al-nasr al-wāqiʿ (the falling eagle; Vega + ε1,2 ξ Lyrae)

[XVIII, 7]: al-harrārān (the two whimpering dogs; Antares and Vega)

[XVIII, 8]: al-dhikh (the manlike hyena; t Draconis)

[XVIII, 9]: North

[XVIII, 10]: al-qalb [Lunar Mansion XVIII] rises on the last day of Ḥattūr [the third Coptic month], which is the [twenty-sixth of Tishrīn al-thānī (November)

[XIX] Al-shawlah: Then rises al-shawlah (the raised tail), which is composed of eleven stars (λυ Scorpionis + 9 stars). The two stars forming the curve at the tip of Scorpio’s tail are called taraf al-shawlah (the tip of the raised tail; λυ Scorpionis).

Its ‘yyūq-star are al-fawāris (the horsemen; δυ Cygni) and al-ridf (the follower; υ Cygni), which is a luminous star; and towards the south al-ṣūradān (the two ṣūra-birds; αβ2 η Sagittarii ?), which are two obscure stars. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XIX, p. 206]

[XIX, 1]: South

[XIX, 2]: al-ṣūradān (the two ṣūra-birds; αβ2 η Sagittarii ?)

[XIX, 3]: al-rāʾ (the shepherd; α Ophiuchi, Ras Alhague)

[XIX, 4]: al-shawlah (λυ Scorpionis + 8 or 9 stars; Lunar Mansion XIX)

[XIX, 5]: al-fa)','ār (the vertebrae; ης Scorpionis)

[XIX, 6]: al-fursān (the horsemen; δυ Cygni)

[XIX, 7]: al-ridf (the follower; υ Cygni)

[XIX, 8]: North

[XIX, 9]: al-shawlah [Lunar Mansion XIX] rises on the thirteenth of Kayhak [the fourth Coptic month], which is the ninth of Kānin al-awwal (December)

[XX] Al-naʿāʿim: that is, naʿāmatān (two groups of ostriches), one arriving and one departing. It is composed of eight stars (γδεησφτζ ζ Sagittarii). The four front stars that are closer to al-shawlah (Lunar Mansion XIX) are called al-wāridah (the departing [ostriches]; γδεη ζ Sagittarii), and the four rear stars closer to al-baldah (Lunar Mansion XXI) are called al-ṣādirah (the arriving [ostriches]; γδεη ζ Sagittarii).

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163 This star-group is not included on the map in MS CB, fol. 18a.
164 It is illustrated here by the entire tail of the scorpion, formed of ten stars, though in the accompanying text the author states that it is composed of eleven stars. In the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 18a it is illustrated with eight stars curled as a scorpion’s tail.
165 Here they are illustrated by a half-circle of six stars, while in the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 18a, they are a semi-circle of eight stars with the label written without any diacritical dots.
166 It is also represented by a single star in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 18a.
167 The name al-naʿāʿim (the ostriches) was applied to eight stars in the constellation of Sagittarius, four on either side of the Milky Way. In the Bedouin tradition the Milky Way was viewed as a river, with one group of four ostriches going toward the river and another group of four leaving the river on the other side. The eight together form Lunar Mansion XX. The alternative name naʿāmatān (two groups of ostriches) appears to be unique to this manuscript.
Each one of the two [star-groups] has a different rectangular and rhomboid shape. Between them and projecting to the North there is a star called al-rāʾī (the shepherd; α Cygni). The star-group closer to al-baldaḥ (Lunar Mansion XX) is known as al-sādīrah (the arriving [ostriches]; δ Cygni) composed of eight stars (γδεησφτζ). Rising with it is al-fawāris (the horsemen; γδεησφτζ), which consists of three luminous stars arranged in a line that cuts through the Milky Way. Also rising with it is al-dhīkh (the manlike hyena, ι Draconis), which is a luminous star also called fahl al-ḍibāʿ (the male hyena) as well as jayʿar (the female hyena). It is specified in the text to comprise six stars, though it is illustrated here by the entire tail of the scorpion, (the raised tail [of the scorpion]; λω Scorpiioni). This is how they look:

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XX, p. 205]

[XX, 1]: South
[XX, 2]: al-qubbah (the dome; unidentified)
[XX, 3]: al-rāʾī (the shepherd; λ Sagittarii)
[XX, 4]: al-sādīrah (the arriving [ostriches]; γδεη Sagittarii)
[XX, 5]: al-wāridah (the departing [ostriches]; σφτζ Sagittarii)
[XX, 6]: 'ashsh al-naʿāʾim (the nest of the ostriches; unidentified)
[XX, 7]: al-ḍibāʿ (the hyenas; βγδεη Boötis and ζστφυχ Herculis ?)

171 The Arabic text reads hayʿun, written without dots, which is meaningless. Given the context of another star called a male hyena, it is probably to be read as jayʿar, meaning a she-hyena (see Lane 1685, 429). It is also possible that the text was intended to read jahān (an ugly or distorted face, often applied to the lion), for an anonymous arrow-text has a sentence very similar to the one here, and that text states that al-jahān rises together with al-dhīkh (the male hyena) as two stars north of Lunar Mansion XX (see the Glossary of Star Names for references).

172 It is specified in the text to comprise six stars, though it is illustrated by ten stars in an elongated half-circle, while in the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 19a it is shown as nine stars in a V-formation.

173 In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 19a, it is a single star immediately above (west) of Lunar Mansion XX.

174 They are illustrated here with four stars arranged in a square. An identical arrangement is found in MS CB fol. 19a.

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176 Perhaps this is intended as an alternative name for Lunar Mansion XX, since otherwise the lunar mansion is not shown on the diagram. The ‘ostrich nest’ (elsewhere called udhiy al-naʿāʾim) was a name given to at least three different groups of stars (see the Glossary of Star Names). Here it is represented as eight stars in a V-formation; on the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 19a it is shown as eight stars in two rows.

177 Shown here as ten stars in a coiled formation, in the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 19a it is illustrated as nine stars

[XX, 8]: North
[XX, 9]: al-naʿāʾim [Lunar Mansion XX] rises on the twenty-sixth of Kayhak [the fourth Coptic month], which is the twenty-second of Kānūn al-awwal (December)

[XXI] Al-baldaḥ: Then rises al-baldaḥ (the place), which is an empty space in the middle of al-qilādah (the necklace; ζστφυχ Sagittarii). Al-qilādah is composed of six stars, of which the three luminous are called al-ḥmirah (the donkeys) and the three obscure are called al-aʾyār (the wild asses). The luminous stars, which are of fourth magnitude, rise before the obscure stars, which are of fifth magnitude. The opening [of the ring of ‘the necklace’] is towards the North and the back of its arch is towards the South. Its [Lunar Mansion XXi’s] ʿayyūq-stars are al-rāʾal (the young ostriches; unidentified), while al-sālīmān al-ṣaghīrān (the two small ostriches; λω Sagittarii) rise in the South. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.10, diagram XXI, p. 204]

[XXI, 1]: South
[XXI, 2]: al-zalīmān al-ṣaghīrān (the two small ostriches; λ Sagittarii)
[XXI, 3]: al-qilādah (the necklace; ζστφυχ Sagittarii)
[XXI, 4]: al-baldaḥ (Lunar Mansion XXI)
[XXI, 5]: al-sahm wa-huwa al-nawāḥ (the arrow, and it is the date-pit; unidentified stars in Sagittarius)
[XXI, 6]: al-nasr al-ṭāʾir (the flying eagle; αβγ Aquilae)
[XXI, 7]: North

in two uneven rows.

178 Lunar Mansion XXI is unique amongst the lunar mansions in being an area devoid of stars. The author specifies that it is an area in the middle of a star-group called ‘the necklace’ (al-qilādah), which in the diagram below is illustrated immediately to the right (south) of al-baldaḥ, the latter represented by a single very large red dot.

179 The application of the name al-ḥmirah and al-aʾyār to stars in Sagittarius forming al-qilādah (the necklace) appears to be unique to this treatise.

180 Only two stars are shown. In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 20a, six stars arranged in two rows are labelled al-zalīmān al-ṣaghīrān (the two small ostriches).

181 They are illustrated in this diagram with eight stars (as they were earlier in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XV), even though the text specifies that they consist of six stars in two groups of three.

182 In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 20a, there is a vertical row of six stars labelled al-sahm (the arrow). The name al-nawāḥ as a star-name is otherwise undocumented.
[XXI, 8]: al-baladah [Lunar Mansion XXI] rises on the ninth of Tābeh [the fifth Coptic month], which is the fourth of Kānūn al-akhīr (January)

[XXII] Sa’d al-dhābīh. Then rises sa’d al-dhābīh. It is composed of three stars, two of which are luminous and one obscure and nearer to the North. The northern [of the two luminous ones] is brighter than the southern star (α² β² Capricorni). Some say that the obscure star nearby is its sheep (shā; γ Capricorni). Rising with it toward the North is al’unqūd (the bunch of grapes), also known as dhanab al-nasr al-tā’ir (the tail of the flying eagle), which is a cluster of stars (βαβγ Delphini). And toward the South awlād al-naʿāʾim (the young ostriches; unidentified), which are obscure stars, and sa’d al-bahāʾ (the sa’d of elegance; .gamma Pegasi) rise. This is how it all looks:

[XXII, 1]: South
[XXII, 2]: al-r’ād (the young ostriches; unidentified)
[XXII, 3]: sa’d al-bahāʾ (the sa’d of elegance; .gamma Pegasi)
[XXII, 4]: al-na’āʾim | shātihī (the ostriches | its sheep)
[XXII, 5]: al’unqūd | wa-huwa dhanab [al-nasr] al-tā’ir (the bunch of grapes—that is, the tail of the flying [eagle]; βαβγ Delphini)
[XXII, 6]: al-ṣalīb (the cross; βαβγ Delphini)

[XXIII] Sa’d bula’. Then rises sa’d bula’, which is composed of two stars (εv Aquarii) with the distance of a span (shibr) between them. One of them is western and luminous, the other eastern and obscure. Its ’ayyūq-stars to the North are al-ḥāṭib (the wood-gatherer; ε Pegasi ?), which is a luminous star, and ‘amūd al-ṣalīb (the vertical post of a cross; ε Delphini), which is below al-ṣalīb (the cross; βαβγ Delphini). Rising toward the South is sa’d nāshirah (omen of fertility; γδ Capricorni), which is composed of two luminous stars. This is what they all look like:

[see fig. 1.11, diagram XXIII, p. 203]

[XXIII, 1]: South
[XXIII, 2]: sa’d nāshirah (omen of fertility, γδ Capricorni)
[XXIII, 3]: ithnān (two [stars], unidentified)
[XXIII, 4]: sa’d bula’ (εv Aquarii; Lunar Mansion XXIII)
[XXIII, 5]: al-ḥāṭib (the wood-gatherer; ε Pegasi ?)
[XXIII, 6]: ‘amūd al-ṣalīb (the vertical post of a cross; ε Delphini)
[XXIII, 7]: North
[XXIII, 8]: sa’d bula’ [Lunar Mansion XXIII] rises on the fifth of Amshīr [the sixth Coptic month], which is the thirtieth of Kānūn al-akhīr (January)

183 The meaning of the name of Lunar Mansion XXII is obscure and difficult to translate. There were ten star-groups traditionally called sa’d-stars. The word sa’d is of such ancient origin that by the time it was recorded by ninth-century Arabic authors, its significance was lost. A possible interpretation would be ‘omen’, in which case Lunar Mansion XXII could be rendered as ‘the omen of the sacrificer’. It was usually said to consist of two stars in the constellation of Capricorn (α² β² Capricorni), with a Capricorni being a double star. Our author, however, includes a third star in his definition of Lunar Mansion XXII, a small star (γ Capricorni) nearby the northern of the two stars. This smaller star was called by Bedouins al-shā (the sheep) which was sacrificed.

184 The ‘young ostriches’ are shown here as a ring of ten stars; on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 21a, they are a ring of eight stars.

185 This star-name usually designates a pair of stars, but here it is illustrated as a single star, and also on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 21a.

186 The first part of the label, al-na’āʾim (the ostriches), is surely an error. The second part of the label gives the name (shā, sheep) of the third star (γ Capricorni) forming Lunar Mansion XXII. On the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 21a, only the name of the lunar mansion is given.

187 Al-ṣalīb was an alternative name for the same four prominent stars of Delphinus (βαβγ Delphini) that are illustrated near the centre of this diagram. In this depiction, it is illustrated with five instead of four stars. In the comparable illustration in MS CB fol. 21a the star-group called ‘amūd al-ṣalīb (the vertical post of the cross) is illustrated with ten stars in two vertical rows and a single star beneath them.

188 The name of Lunar Mansion XXIII could be translated as ‘the sa’d of the devourer or swallow(er)’, and it refers to two stars in the constellation of Aquarius (εv Aquarii), though sometimes three were assigned to it (αυ Aquarii).

189 There is no comparable illustration on the diagram in MS CB fol. 22a.

190 In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 22a, the name is also written as al-ḥāṭib and illustrated with a single large star.

191 It is illustrated with four stars rather than a single one; perhaps the four stars of the cross (βαβγ Delphini) was intended, rather than the vertical post. There is no comparable illustration on the diagram in MS CB, fol. 22a, but in the diagram for the previous lunar mansion in MS CB, fol. 21a, the star-group called ‘amūd al-ṣalīb was illustrated with ten stars in two vertical rows and a single star beneath them.
[XXV] Saʿd al-suʿūd. Then rises saʿd al-suʿūd (βξ Aquarīi, c1 Capricorni), which is composed of three stars in the form of the letter rāʿ. The northernmost of the three is the most luminous, the one below it towards the South is less luminous, and the bottom one is obscure. Its ‘āyyuq-star is the northernmost star (β Pegasi) in al-fargh al-muqaddam (the anterior spout; αβ Pegasi), and sanām al-nāqah (the hump of the she-camel; β Cassiopeiae ?) rises with it. Saʿd al-humām (the omen of the hero), composed of two luminous stars (ζξ Pegasi), rises with it toward the South. This is how they all look:

[see fig. 1.11, diagram XXIV, p. 202]

[XXIV, 1]: South
[XXIV, 2]: saʿd al-bulaʿ (ev Aquarīi; Lunar Mansion XIII)193
[XXIV, 3]: saʿd al-humām (the omen of the hero; ζξ Pegasi)194
[XXIV, 4]: saʿd al-suʿūd (βξ Aquarīi, c1 Capricorni; Lunar Mansion XXIV)
[XXIV, 5]: muqaddam al-dalw (the anterior part of the bucket; β Pegasi)195
[XXIV, 6]: sanām al-nāqah (the hump of the she-camel)196
[XXIV, 7]: North
[XXIV, 8]: saʿd al-suʿūd [Lunar Mansion XXIV] rises on the eighteenth of Amshīr [the sixth Coptic month], which is the twelfth of Shubāt (February)197

[XXV] Saʿd al-akhbiyah. Then rises saʿd al-akhbiyah (the omen of the tents), which is composed of two close stars (ηξ Aquarīi) in a line across the sky, one southern and the other north-western. The northern star (ζ Aquarīi) is luminous and the southern star is obscure. Below them, to the South, are stars that the Arabs call al-khibāʾ (the tent; γπ Aquarīi ?).199 Its [Lunar Mansion XXV’s] ‘āyyuq-star in the North is ‘arquwat al-dalw (the wooden rod for carrying a bucket; β Pegasi). Al-wādī (the river-bed; unidentified), which is composed of two luminous stars, rises with it. Rising with it towards the South is saʿd al-bāriʿ (the omen of excellence; λμ Pegasi), composed of two luminous stars. This is what they look like:

[see fig. 1.11, diagram XXV, p. 202]

[XXV, 1]: South
[XXV, 2]: saʿd al-bāriʿ (the omen of excellence; λμ Pegasi)200
[XXV, 3]: akhbiyat saʿd (the tents of the saʿd; γπ Aquarīi ?)201
[XXV, 4]: saʿd al-akhbiyah (ηξ Aquarīi; Lunar Mansion XXV)
[XXV, 5]: muqaddam al-dalw (the anterior part of the bucket; β Pegasi)202
[XXV, 6]: al-wādīyān (the two river-beds; unidentified)203
[XXV, 7]: North
[XXV, 8]: saʿd al-akhbiyah [Lunar Mansion XXV] rises on the first of Barmahāt [the seventh Coptic month], which is the twenty-fifth of Shubāt (February)

[XXVI] Al-fargh al-muqaddam. Then rises al-fargh al-muqaddam (the anterior spout), which is (or saʿd) itself. The more northerly and luminous star would be ζ Aquarīi, one of the finest doubles in the sky.

193 The name of Lunar Mansion XXIV could be roughly translated as ‘omen of good fortune’. It was applied to a group of three stars consisting of two on the west shoulder of Aquarius and a third star in the end of the tail of Capricorn (βξ Aquarīi, c1 Capricorni).

194 Illustrated here with one single star; on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 23a, it is a pair.

195 It is not part of the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 23a.

196 It is also illustrated in MS CB, fols. 23a, with a single star, supporting the interpretation as β Pegasi, the giant red-star called Scheat.

197 In copy A, the label stating when the lunar mansion rises has been written on top of the red vertical label giving the cardinal direction.

198 Virtually all other sources define Lunar Mansion XXV (the saʿd of the tents) as four stars in the constellation Aquarius (γπ Aquarīi). Our author appears to be unique it taking only two of the stars (presumably ηξ Aquarīi) for the lunar mansion (or saʿd) itself. The more northerly and luminous star would be ζ Aquarīi, one of the finest doubles in the sky.

199 If the identification is correct, the author has become confused regarding the direction of the other two, for they are to the west of the first two (and only one is south of the first two).

200 It is usually identified as two stars in the constellation Pegasus, but is here illustrated with only a single star. It is not part of the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 24a.

201 In the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 24a, the saʿd is illustrated by two stars and the ‘tents’ by four stars in a Y-formation.

202 It is not on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 24a.

203 Here illustrated by a pair of stars. In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 24a, three stars in a triangular formation are labeled anwwal al-wādī (the first of the river-bed).

204 The name of Lunar Mansion XXVI refers to a leather bucket envisaged by the Bedouins in the area of Pegasus, with the bucket formed by the four bright stars making up the modern asterism called the Great Square of Pegasus. The two foremost (western) stars constituted the anterior spout of the bucket (αβ Pegasi).
composed of two stars (α Pegasi) of the same size but located far from each other. They are both of the second order of magnitude. One of them is northern and the other southern. There is a distance of a ramha between them. The northern of the two (β Pegasi), known as markib al-faras (the shoulder of the horse), rises together with two obscure stars to the West, with a distance of more than a dhira' between them. Its 'ayyiq-star toward the North is batin al-naqah (the belly of the she-camel; unidentified). Rising toward the South is sahn al-rami (the arrow of the archer; unidentified), which is a luminous star. This is how they all look:

[see fig. 1.11, diagram XXVI, p. 201]

[XXVI, 1]: South
[XXVI, 2]: qaid al-anz (the leader of the goat; unidentified)\(^{207}\)
[XXVI, 3]: al-anz (the goat; unidentified)\(^{208}\)
[XXVI, 4]: al-risha (the rope; β Andromedae ?)\(^{209}\)
[XXVI, 5]: al-fargh al-musaddam [α Pegasi; Lunar Mansion XXVI] \(^{210}\)
[XXVI, 6]: markib [al-faras] (the shoulder of the horse); β Pegasi\(^{210}\)
[XXVI, 7]: ra's al-naqah (the head of the she-camel; unidentified)\(^{211}\)
[XXVI, 8]: North
[XXVI, 9]: al-fargh al-musaddam [Lunar Mansion XXVI] rises on the fourteenth of Burmahat [the seventh Coptic month], which is the tenth of Adhar (March)

\[^{207}\] This star-name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic image rather than the Bedouin one. It is illustrated below as a single star separate from the two forming the lunar mansion.

\[^{208}\] The two stars said to rise at the same time as β Pegasi, but to the West, may be η Pegasi.

\[^{209}\] In the same area of the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 25a, there is also a single star, but labelled kib al-anz (the dog of the goat). Both are unattested star-names.

\[^{210}\] Thisstar-name usually designates a star in Auriga (either ζ Aurigae or ζ Aurigae, Capella). The label here must surely be an error, for it is shown as three stars placed south of stars in Pegasus (comprising Lunar Mansion XXVI), far from the constellation of Auriga. It is possible that the name 'the goat' is referring to another otherwise unrecorded group of stars. MS CB fol. 25a shows in approximately this position six stars labelled min al-anz (amongst the goat).

\[^{211}\] As a star-name, al-risha is usually identified as a single star, β Andromedae (Mirach). Yet it is here illustrated as an elongated half-circle of nine stars. It does not appear on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 25a.

\[^{212}\] This is how they all look:

[XXVII]: Al-fargh al-muakkhar\(^{212}\) Then rises al-fargh al-muakkhar (the posterior spout; γ Andromedae, β Pegasi), which is like al-fargh al-musaddam [Lunar Mansion XXVI], only slightly wider. Its 'ayyiq-star in the North is ra's al-hawwā (the snake-charmers head; α Ophiuchi), and its 'ayyiq-star to the South is surrat al-hut (the navel of the fish; β Andromedae). Also rising toward the South is al-difdi' al-musaddam (the front frog; α Piscis Austrini), and dhanab al-hut (the tail of the fish), which is kaff al-jadhmā (the cut-off hand;  λ Piscis Austrini). This is how they all look:

[see fig. 1.11, diagram XXVII, p. 200]

[XXVII, 1]: South
[XXVII, 2]: al-difdi' al-muakkhar (the back frog; β Ceti)
[XXVII, 3]: tamām al-risha (the end of the rope; β Andromedae + ?)\(^{214}\)
[XXVII, 4]: al-difdi' al-anwāl (the first, or front, frog; α Piscis Austrini)
[XXVII, 5]: al-fargh al-muakkhar [Lunar Mansion XXVII]
[XXVII, 6]: tamām al-naqah (the end of the she-camel; unidentified)
[XXVII, 7]: al-hawdaj (the camel-litter; unidentified)\(^{215}\)

\[^{212}\] The name of Lunar Mansion XXVII also refers to the leather bucket envisioned by Bedouins in the area of the Ptolemaic constellation Pegasus, formed by the four bright stars constituting the modern asterism of the Great Square of Pegasus. The two hindmost (eastern) stars formed the 'posterior spout' (γ and α Andromedae, the latter star shared with Pegasus as β Pegasi).

\[^{213}\] In the Bedouin tradition, the 'the cut-off hand' (al-kaff al-jadhmā) was aligned with six stars in the head and neck of the sea-monster Cetus. Our author equates 'the tail of the fish' with this group of six stars. By the 'tail of the fish', the author must have intended the tail of Cetus, though in the published literature no other author uses such a designation for Cetus. Moreover, the six stars comprising the 'cut-off hand' are not those in the tail of Cetus but rather stars in its head and neck. Nonetheless, the alignment of 'the tail of the fish' with Cetus is confirmed by its employment in at least one anwāl-treatise where it is said that 'the tail of Cetus' (dhanab qayṭūs) rises with this lunar mansion. The stars are not illustrated in the accompanying diagram nor in the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 26a.

\[^{214}\] There is no comparable star-group in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 26a.

\[^{215}\] A hawdaj is a type of camel-vehicle used particularly by women. It was made with staves and wooden sides and was covered with a dome-like top (Lane 1863, 2885). It is here represented by seventeen stars in a triangular formation. There is no comparable star-group in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 26a.
[XXVII, 9]: *al-fargh al-muʾakhkhar* [Lunar Mansion XXVII] rises on the [twenty-seventh] of *Barmahät* [the seventh Coptic month], which is the twenty-five of *Ādhār* (March)

[XXVIII] *Baṭn al-ḥūt*:216 Then rises *baṭn al-ḥūt*, which is composed of eighteen stars (*β Andromedae + 17*) in the form of a fish, half of them towards the East and half towards the West. Its head is turned towards the North and its tail to the South. Its fin [*?] is in its eastern half. Its head rises first. *Baṭn al-ḥūt* rises below the northernmost star (*β Andromedae*) of *al-fargh al-muqaddam* (the anterior spout). The last star to rise in it is *al-khaṣāṣ* (the gap; *β Trianguli [*?]*), which is also the first to rise from the stars of *al-muthallathah* (the constellation Triangulum). *Fam al-ḥūt* (the mouth of the fish; *α Piscis Austrini [*?]*217 rises near *al-safīnah* (the ship; uncertain identity), and then *al-difdiʿ al-muʾakhkhar* (the back frog; *β Ceti*), as is shown here:

[see fig. 1.11, diagram XXVIII, p. 200]

[XXVIII, 1]: South

[XXVIII, 2]: *al-safīnah* (the ship; unidentified)218

[XXVIII, 3]: *baṭn al-ḥūt* [*β Andromedae + 17* stars; Lunar Mansion XXVIII]219

[XXVIII, 4]: *ākhir al-nāqah wa-huwa [al-]* *kaff al-kħadīb* (the last of the camel, which is ‘the dyed hand’; *βγδε Cassiopeiae [*?]*220

[XXVIII, 5]: North

[XXVIII, 6]: *baṭn al-ḥūt* [Lunar Mansion XXVIII] rises on the tenth of *Barmūdeh* [the eighth Coptic month], which is the fifth of [Nīsān, April].

The description of the twenty-eight lunar mansions, their forms and their qualities ends here, with the blessing of God and His guidance.

It is followed by the tenth chapter on the blowing of the winds.

True knowledge comes from God.

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216 Lunar Mansion XXVIII had several different names. That used here reflects the Bedouin conception of a large fish positioned across the area we now call Andromeda, with the lunar mansion itself usually being designated by a single star on the south side of the waist of Andromeda (*β Andromedae, Mirach*). Our author is unusual, if not unique, in having Lunar Mansion XXVIII composed not of the single star but of eighteen stars. This lunar mansion is, however, occasionally illustrated on astronomical instruments with a number of stars. In the accompanying diagram, it is illustrated by a ring of fourteen stars, one of which is larger than the rest. This star-name is usually applied to a star in the Southern Fish, *α Piscis Austrini* (Fomalhaut). It is stated here, however, that it is near ‘the ship’, but the latter cannot be the Ptolemaic constellation of Argo, which is far distant for the area of Lunar Mansion XXVIII. A different image of a fish may be intended, or an otherwise undocumented image of a ship.

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218 The asterism is illustrated here with an intricate design of twenty-one stars. Earlier, following the discussion of Lunar Mansion X, it was illustrated with a ring of thirteen stars, and in Chapter Five of Book One it was shown as a ring of eleven stars. There is no comparable star-group on the diagram in MS CB fol. 27a.

219 It is illustrated here with a ring of fourteen stars one of which is larger than the rest, even though the text specifies that it comprises eighteen stars. On the diagram in MS CB fol. 27a, it is represented by a single star.

220 One of the Bedouin traditions envisaged a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. Several star-names were based on various parts of this she-camel, but the particular term used here (ākhir al-nāqah) is unrecorded. It is here stated to be the same as *al-kaff al-khaḍīb* (*βγδε Cassiopeiae*). The asterism is illustrated, however, with an open ring of sixteen stars. In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 27a, a large number of stars in various rows are labeled with different parts of the she-camel, and it is stated that *al-kaff al-khaḍīb* is the same of the *sanām* (hump) of the she-camel.
A circular diagram of the wind. See Fig. 1.12, for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets (p. 197).

1 al-ard (the Earth)
2 mutaqallib (changeable)
3 thābit (steady)
4 mujassad (strong, gale-force)
5 mutaqallib (changeable)
6 thābit (steady)
7 mujassad (strong, gale-force)
8 mutaqallib (changeable)
9 thābit (steady)
10 mujassad (strong, gale-force)
11 mutaqallib (changeable)
12 thābit (steady)
13 mujassad (strong, gale-force)
14 nārī (fiery)
15 arḍī (earthy)
16 hawāʾī (airy)
17 māʾī (watery)
18 nārī (fiery)
19 arḍī (earthy)
20 hawāʾī (airy)
21 māʾī (watery)
22 nārī (fiery)
23 arḍī (earthy)
24 hawāʾī (airy)
25 māʾī (watery)
26 al-ḥamal | rīḥ y-f-w-r-w-s (Aries | Zephyros [west wind])

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1 MS A, fol. 21b. The title, diagram with accompanying labels, and vertical side panels are missing in copies M and D; these two later copies pick up the text in the second line beneath the diagram preserved only in copy A. The entire chapter is omitted from copy B.

2 In the text surrounding the diagram, the author reproduces the classical Greek theories attributing earthquakes to subterranean winds or escaping gasses. This theory was developed by Aristotle in his Meteorology and commented upon by later authors such as Ibn al-Bīṭrīq (d. 428/1037); see Lettinck 1999, 156–193. If, however, the emphasis is upon the alignment of these three qualities (mutaqallib, thābit, mujassad) with the twelve zodiacal signs (whose names are written around the perimeter of this diagram) rather than the twelve winds, then it should be noted that similar alignments as occur here are commonly found in early Arabic astrological literature and can be found in Chapters One and Two of Book One. In an astrological context, however, instead of the term mujassad (full-bodied) the term dhū jusada (hi-corporeal) is used, and instead of mutaqallib the astrologer employs munqalib.

3 Or, in an alternative reading of the Arabic, ‘they originate again’.

4 Literally, ‘the returning’ or perhaps ‘the reaction’. It is possibly a scribal error for al-raʃīd, a common term for a particularly violent earthquake (see Lane 1853, 1042), also used several times in the Qurʾān in reference to the fate of the Thamūd, a tribe destroyed by God with an earthquake for disobedience (Qurʾān 7:72, 7:91). The Thamūd are also mentioned in Ptolemy’s Geography. See Enc. Qurʾān, art. ‘Thamūd’ (R. Firestone).

5 The term mujassad means corpulent, full-bodied. In the context of winds, it designates a strong wind, possibly gale-force. Al-Bīrūnī used the term in the sense of heavy or violent winds (Bīrūnī 1879, 234, 259, 266; Bīrūnī 1878, 245, 267, 274). If, however, the emphasis is upon the alignment of these three qualities (mutaqallib, thābit, mujassad) with the twelve zodiacal signs (whose names are written around the perimeter of this diagram) rather than the twelve winds, then it should be noted that similar alignments as occur here are commonly found in early Arabic astrological literature and can be found in Chapters One and Two of Book One. In an astrological context, however, instead of the term mujassad (full-bodied) the term dhū jusada (hi-corporeal) is used, and instead of mutaqallib the astrologer employs munqalib.

6 Zephyros (ζήφυρος) is the west wind according to Aristotle and other Greek authorities. The Greek term for wind, ἄνεμος, is consistently rendered with the Arabic equivalent rīḥ, while the Greek name of the particular wind is transliterated letter for letter. For a discussion of classical winds and wind-names as discussed by early Islamic authors, see Lettinck 1999, 156–193.
The most thorough study of winds in ancient antiquity and wind-roses remains that of R. Böker in the art. ‘Winds’ in Pauly’s Realencyclopaedie, 8A, 2:234–238. Also pertinent are the astrological wind-roses discussed by de Callatay 2000.

1 The wind name as written in uncertain. Argestes (Ἀργέστης) was originally a word for all the easterly winds, and it was used for one of the cardinal points of the compass. The text here must be corrupted, for all other available sources specify that sabā is an easterly wind and dabūr a westerly one, and indeed our author has dabūr as westerly and sabā as easterly on the Diagram of the Encompassing Sphere (A fols. 2b–3a) opening Book One. See also, Hunayn ibn Ishaq (d. c. 280/873 or 284/877), according to Aristotle, the south wind (notos) and Libs (the south-west wind). See Brill’s New Pauly, art. ‘Libs’ (C. Hünemörder).

2 Libs, or Lips (λίψ) was the west-south-west wind that on the twelve-point compass card of Aristotle blew from the setting point of the Sun to the winter solstice. Romans associated it, on the basis of the name, with Libya. It was thought to bring rain and storms. See Brill’s New Pauly, art. ‘Libs’ (C. Hünemörder).

3 Our author is unusual if not unique in identifying al-sabā with the south wind and al-dabūr, by default, with the north wind. The text here must be corrupted, for all other available sources specify that sabā is an easterly wind and dabūr a westerly one, and indeed our author has dabūr as westerly and sabā as easterly on the Diagram of the Encompassing Sphere (A fols. 2b–3a) opening Book One. See also, Hunayn ibn Ishaq (d. c. 280/873 or 284/877), following Ibn al-Bitriq, who states that the common people distinguished four winds: sabā as the east wind, dabūr the west wind, shimāl the north wind, and janāb the south wind (Lettincx 1999, 168). Compare Qalqashandi 1913; 2: 166–68; King 2004, 82–13; EP, art. ‘Maṭla‘ (D. King); and Varisco 1994, 111–17.

4 Libons (λιβόνωτος) was a wind placed on the compass cards of Timothenes of Rhodes (fl. c. 282 BC), according to Aristotle, between the south wind (notos) and Libs (the south-west wind). See Brill’s New Pauly, art. ‘Libs’ (C. Hünemörder).

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6 Notos (νότος) in classical antiquity was the south wind that blew opposite Boreas, the north wind. As a compass point, the Notos had (as here) the Libons and the Libs as neighbours. See Brill’s New Pauly, art. ‘Notos’ (C. Hünemörder).

7 The wind name as written is unidentified. It may be a greatly distorted version of the Greek wind-name Caecias (καικίς), said by Aristotle to blow from the North-East and to form large clouds because of its coldness and dampness. See Brill’s New Pauly, art. ‘Caecias’ (C. Hünemörder).

8 The wind name transliterated into Arabic here has not been identified with certainty. It may be a badly corrupted form of the Greek Etesiai (ἔτησι), which according to Aristotle were annually occurring winds that blew from the north to the east wind. The text here must be corrupted, for all other available sources specify that sabā is an easterly wind and dabūr a westerly one, and indeed our author has dabūr as westerly and sabā as easterly on the Diagram of the Encompassing Sphere (A fols. 2b–3a) opening Book One. See also, Hunayn ibn Ishaq (d. c. 280/873 or 284/877), following Ibn al-Bitriq, who states that the common people distinguished four winds: sabā as the east wind, dabūr the west wind, shimāl the north wind, and janāb the south wind (Lettincx 1999, 168). Compare Qalqashandi 1913; 2: 166–68; King 2004, 82–13; EP, art. ‘Maṭla‘ (D. King); and Varisco 1994, 111–17.

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12 Apeliotes (ἀπηλιώτης) was for Aristotle the wind that blew from the east, in the opposite direction of Zephyros. The wind here being named is placed closer to the west wind than to the north wind. A local variant of the Greek name for this wind was Φαράγγις (Pharangitis), possibly closer to the Arabic. See Brill’s New Pauly, art. ‘Apeliotes’ (Eckart Olshausen).

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14 Euronots (εὐρόνοτος) was the wind between Euros and Notos (the south wind). An alternative Greek name was Phoeiiacia (φοίειαξ). These winds are mentioned in Book Two (a fol. 5b3) of the anonymous Coptic treatise preserved today in three fragments of the late third/ninth century. The comparable passage reads: ‘If the east wind comes forth on that day [the 7th of Tūbeh], the water is good and it will cover the entire Earth; the cattle will live, the crops will increase, the gardens will blossom, the honey will become rare.  

There are four winds: al-ṣabā, which is the southern; al-dabūr, which is damaging; the easterly from the eastern horizon; and the westerly from the western horizon. The destructive and annihilating winds between these horizons are called al-nakbā (side winds).

The sages said: If the wind is easterly on the seventh day of Tūbeh, the Nile will flow in abundance. Domestic animals will survive, crops and fruits will be good, feverish shivering will increase, and honey will become rare.
If the wind on the eighth day of Tūbeh is very gusty, then small cattle and all marine creatures will thrive, but domestic animals will abort their foetuses, the wheat will not be of full grain, disease will increase, and many sheep will die.\(^{22}\)

If the wind on the ninth day of Tūbeh is a hot south wind (marīṣiyah) in the morning and a north wind in the evening, that year will be bountiful. Fruits will be good, the water in the wells will gush copiously, the cattle will do well, the olive trees will bring severe storms. The summer heat will be moderate, pains and fevers will increase, the waters of the Nile will rise, intense war will break out. A king will appear, the fruit of the vineyards will become scarce, the ships of the sea will have a safe journey, and wheat will become scarce and expensive.

When the sixth of Tūbeh falls on the second day of the week (Monday)—called dişambe

What the sage Diqūs [= Andronikos ?]\(^{26}\) said regarding the days of the week that fall on the sixth of Tūbeh\(^{27}\) and their interpretation.

He said: When the sixth of Tūbeh falls on the first day of the week (Sunday)\(^{28}\)—called yeḵšambe in Persian, kyriake (the Lord’s Day) in Byzantine Greek,\(^{29}\) ītvār in the Indian language,\(^{30}\) piwai in Coptic,\(^{31}\) and aḥūr [?] in Hebrew—\(^{32}\) the winds will bring severe storms. The summer heat will be moderate, pains and fevers will increase, the waters of the Nile will rise, intense war will break out. A king will appear, the fruit of the vineyards will become scarce, the ships of the sea will have a safe journey, and wheat will become scarce and expensive.\(^{33}\)

When the sixth of Tūbeh falls on the second day of the week (Monday)—called doshambe

\(^{22}\) The parallel passage in the anonymous Coptic treatise preserved today in three late third/ninth-century fragments reads: ‘If the east wind comes on 8 Tūbeh, there will be a great winter, the weather will be good, the cattle will miscarry, the wheat will become as dry as cumin, the men will suffer severe illnesses, and the children will die’ (see Browne 1979, 55, compare 60).

\(^{26}\) The identity of the authority being named here is uncertain. The name as written in copy A is Diqūs, which suggests the Greek name Diocles. In the later copies it is written as Dīyāqsūrus (in copy M) and Disqūrus (copy D), suggesting the Greek name Dioscorides, which was the name of a famous physician of Anazarbus (d. c. 90 AD) and author of an influential treatise on medicinal substances; this is, however, an unlikely association. More likely, the authority here cited is the same as one Anduriqūs (Andronikos) given as an author of an Arabic treatise on meteorological prognostications arranged by the days of the week (see Sezgin, GAS VII, 310–11). This Andronikos may be the same as the first-century BC scholar of that name from Rhodes. Less likely, it may be a reference to Andronikos of Cyrrhus whose ‘Tower of the Winds’, built sometime after 200 BC, was described by Vitruvius (d. after 15 BC); see Der Neue Pauly, art. ‘Winde, C: Windrosen’ (C. Hünemörder); Noble & de Solla Price 1968. It is also possible that the reference is to a late-antique, possibly Coptic, personage as yet unidentified.

\(^{27}\) The month of Tūbeh is the month in which the new year of the Julian calendar begins—that is, January 1st in the Julian calendar corresponds to the 6th of Tūbeh in the Coptic calendar, which is permanently synchronised with the Julian calendar.

\(^{28}\) This portion of the chapter is close in structure to part of an anonymous Coptic treatise preserved today in three fragments of the late third/ninth century. The Coptic treatise provides predictions for the 6th of Tūbeh falling on Sunday, then Monday and so on for each day of the week, just as in this final part of our chapter. Only very small fragments of the Coptic treatise are preserved, however, so that it is not possible to make a detailed comparison. The listing of weekday names in various languages does not seem to be part of the Coptic treatise. For these Coptic fragments, see Browne 1979, 45–63, and Till 1936.

\(^{29}\) Bīrūnī gives the name as ā ḍāwū ṭāwīr, meaning ‘the Lord’s Day’.

\(^{30}\) The form of the Arabic transliteration (biʿāw) suggests that it was made from a treatise written in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic, in which the first day of the week would be piwai. We thank Robert Simpson of the Oriental Institute, Oxford, for his assistance with these Coptic names.

\(^{31}\) This may be corruption of the Hebrew chad, meaning ‘one’. The usual word for Sunday is, however, rishôn, meaning ‘first’.

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in Persian, *deutéra* in Byzantine Greek, 33 *sorvār* (= *somvār*) in the Indian language, 34 and *pisnaw* in Coptic 35—severe storms will break out, but then the wind will turn pleasant. The Nile will rise, the summer will be colder, the pains of fever and other pains will increase, and many will die. The fruit of the trees will be scarce, war will break out, wheat will be scarce and expensive, travelling the Nile would be precarious, honey and radish-oil would be scarce, fish will be abundant, birds and falcons will be scarce, dew will be sparse, merchants will make a profit, and crops will be abundant.

When the sixth of *Ṭūbeh* falls on the third day of the week (Tuesday)—called *seshambe* in Persian, *a-n-h-a-a-z-w-a* (?) in the Indian language, 36 *trītē* in Byzantine Greek, 37 *pišomt* in Coptic, 38 and *shlishi* in Hebrew—heavy winds will blow without pausing, 39 so much so that many ships would be lost at sea. Pestilence will increase, the extract of vineyards will be copious, young boys will die, the corruption will spread amongst the kings, there will not be a war, the Nile will flow, and many women will abort their foetuses.

When the sixth of *Ṭūbeh* falls on the fourth day of the week (Wednesday)—called *cakārshambe* in Persian, *[b-w-a-r* (?) in the Indian language, 40 *tētārī* in Greek, 41 *piftow* in Coptic, 42 and *revītī* in Hebrew—the year that follows will be a year of severe and ruinous storms, but ships at sea will be safe. The summer heat will be moderate, the wheat will grow and will not be expensive, the fruit of trees will be abundant, but severe pains will be suffered. The waters of the Nile will rise, dew and honey will become abundant, the sheep will thrive, war between kings will spread, and many animals will abort their foetuses.

When the sixth of *Ṭūbeh* falls on the fifth day of the week (Thursday)—called *panjshambe* in Persian, *h-s-f-t-w-a-r* in the Indian language, 43 *pēmptē* in Byzantine Greek, 44 *b-s-w* (?) in Coptic, 45 *hamesh* in Hebrew 46—the winds that year will be mild and pleasant. Grains of wheat and other types of grain will be in short supply, kings will be afflicted with pestilence, sheep and goats will be abundant, and honey will be scarce. 47 A fierce war will break out, ships at sea will be safe, water will be in short supply though the land will be well-watered, those in the service of the sultan will be afflicted, while merchants will make profits.

When the sixth of *Ṭūbeh* falls on a Friday (al-jumʿāh)—called *s-r-f-w-a* (?) in the Indian language, 48 *adīne* in Greek, 49 *ädine* in Persian, 50 *ḥad* in Coptic, 51 the name for Friday in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic.

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33 The Arabic, if vocalised as *dītirā* is a close transliteration of the Greek *deutēra*, meaning ‘the second’.
34 The text writes the word as *sūr wār*. Al-Bīrūnī gives the name as *siṃ wār* and states that it is also the name of the Moon; Biruni 1934, 165.
35 The Arabic word in this manuscript is written without diacritics, but can be read as *b-s-r-a-f*, which could be a mistake for *b-s-r-a-w* that would be close to the Coptic name *pisnaw*. The form of the Arabic transliteration suggests that it was made from a treatise written in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic.
36 The later copy M writes the name as *a-y-j-a-r* while copy D writes it as *a-y-j-a-r*. These spellings appear to be corrupted forms of the Hindi name *mangalvār*. Al-Bīrūnī gives the name as *mangol wār* and states that it is also the name of the planet Mars; Biruni 1934, 165.
37 The Arabic word *trītē* is a close transliteration of the Greek *τρίτη*, meaning ‘the third’.
38 The Arabic word *b-sh-m-t* written here (and in the two later copies) is a close transliteration of the Coptic weekday name *pišomt*. The form of the name suggests that it was taken from a treatise written in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic.
39 Arabic *marad*, meaning sickness or weakness. Applied to winds, it means a weak wind.
40 In copy A, a blank space is left where the name should be written; the two later copies give *bāhāwār* (in M) and *hāwār* (copy D). These appear to be a corrupt form of the Hindi name for this day of the week, *budhnār*. Al-Bīrūnī gives the name as *budhn wār* and states that it is also the name of the planet Mercury; Biruni 1934, 165.
41 The Arabic word *tārītī* is a close transliteration of the Greek *τετάρτη*, meaning ‘the fourth’.
42 The word is written in copy A no diacritical marks. If read as *b-f-t-w*, it is a recognisable transliteration of the Coptic weekday name *piftow*. The form of the name suggests that it was taken from a treatise written in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic.
43 The Arabic word *h-s-f-t* (or *h-s-t-t-a-r* as in copies M and D) is a corrupted transliteration of the Hindi name *bhūpasvatīvār*. Al-Bīrūnī gives the name as *h-r-s-t-t-w-a-r* and states that it is also the name of the planet Jupiter; Biruni 1934, 165.
44 The Arabic word is written without a diacritic dot on the first letter, but if it is interpreted as *buntī*, it is a close transliteration of the Greek *πέμπτη*, meaning ‘the fifth’. The two later copies write the name as *namtī* and *numtī*.
45 The Arabic word as written, *b-s-w*, may be a mistake on the copyist’s part, for it appears to be an attempted Arabic transliteration of the Coptic name for the sixth rather than fifth day of the week (*pisnaw*). Or, it may be a corrupted transliteration of the Coptic name for the fifth day of the week, *pītw* as written in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic.
46 As written here, the word means ‘five’ rather than ‘Thursday’.
47 The later copies D and M add ‘and cotton will be abundant’.
48 The Arabic word *s-r-f-w-a* may be a quite corrupted transliteration of the Hindi word for the sixth day of the week, *śukravār*. Al-Bīrūnī gives the name as *shukr wār* and states that it is also the name of the planet Venus; Biruni 1934, 165.
49 The word given here as a Greek name for Friday, *adīnah*, is a copyist’s mistake, for it is an alternative name for Friday in Persian; the name is repeated as the Persian name. The customary Greek word for Friday is *παρασκευή* (*paraskevē*).
50 *Adīne* is an alternative name in Persian for Friday, the more usual one being *jomʿ;* see Steingass 1892, 30. The copyists of M and D left the name blank.
51 The name *ḥad* is in fact the name given to Friday in Syriac rather than Coptic. The name for Friday in the Bohairic dialect of Coptic is *pisow*. 
sheviʿī in Hebrew—it will be a year of storms, with much rain and water. Fevers will spread, the fruit of the land will be good, kings will fight each other, eye disease will spread, killings will be common, and the Nile will swell.

When the sixth of Tūbeh falls on a Saturday (al-sabt)—called sh-n-s-r-w-a-r in the Indian language, shambe in Persian, sābāṭon in Greek, b-a-sh-y-a (?) in Coptic, sheviʿī in Hebrew—the winds that year will be stormy, while the summer will be nice with a pleasant wind, although injurious to sheep. The fruits of palm trees will be plentiful, honey and flax will be abundant, the price of food will go up, wars between kings will be frequent, and the Nile will be low. It will be a difficult year for the people of the land, while the sea merchants will make profits, and many young boys will die. But God knows best.

This is the end of Book One, with the blessings of God and His support.

It is followed by the next book, consisting of twenty-five chapters. The first chapter is on the mensuration of the Earth and its form (or: 'map', šūrati-hā), in brief, from the equator to the farthest limit of the inhabited world, which is at 66 degrees [North], as related by Ptolemy al-qalūdhi (Claudius) in his book known as the Geography.
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Book Two: On the Earth

Translation and Commentary
Ptolemy said: 2 to know the magnitude of the Earth, its inhabited and its uninhabited areas, measure the time from one sunrise to the following sunrise the next day, then divide it into 24 parts, that is, into equal hours, with each hour consisting of 15 divisions [degrees]. Then multiply the 24 hours by 15 to obtain 360 degrees.

To know the number of miles corresponding to a degree, observe a solar or lunar eclipse in two different cities, thus finding the time difference between them, and then divide the distance in miles between the two cities by the degrees. The result is that each degree corresponds to 75 miles. Then multiply 75 miles by 360 degrees, which are the divisions of the ecliptic, to obtain 27,000 miles. 3

Ptolemy proceeded to consider the inhabited parts of the Earth, from the westernmost inhabited islands in the Green Sea [the Atlantic] to the farthest habitation in China, and found [the time difference between the westernmost and the easternmost inhabited parts] to be around twelve hours, that is, one half of the Earth’s circumference, or 13,500 miles.

Ptolemy then considered the extent of the [inhabited] Earth from the South to the North. As the southernmost latitude he took the equator, where the day and night are equal. As the northernmost latitude he took the island of Thule in Britain, where the day is twenty hours and the night four hours, and then the reverse, the night is twenty hours and the day four hours. He found out that the north-south extent [of the inhabited parts] amounts to 66 degrees. 4

When al-Ma’mūn wished to investigate the size of the inhabited parts of the Earth, he dispatched the astronomers to do so. 5 They located two cities, Tadmur [Palmyra] and al-Raqqqah. The declination of Tadmur from the zenith—that is, the altitude of the celestial pole [Polar Star] there—is 34 degrees. The declination of al-Raqqqah is 35 degrees, so the difference between them is of one degree. Then they measured the distance between the two cities by a land survey, and found it to be sixty-six miles and two-thirds of a mile. Thus they learned that each degree of the firmament corresponds to sixty-six and two-thirds terrestrial miles. When you multiply this number of miles by 360 [degrees of the circumference of the] Earth, you obtain 24,000 miles. The circumference of the inhabited parts of the Earth is half [of that]. The Earth’s diameter is 7,630 miles.

It has been recorded in one of Ptolemy’s palaces 6 in the cities that the circumference of the Earth is 180,000 stadia. 7 As the stadia is 400 cubits, and the mile consists of 3,000 cubits, we learn that a mile is

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1 This chapter begins at MS A, fol. 22b; MS D, fol. 78b, MS M, fol. 64b, MS B, fol. 134b, with a fragment preserved in MS C-2, fol. 77a–78a.
2 A summary of the writings of Ptolemy on the size of the Earth is offered by Ibn Hawqal (d. after 378/988) in the concluding chapter of his treatise (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 526–7). Compare the passage here with the measurement of the size of the Earth in Yaqūt 1866, 1:19; Yaqūt 1987, 27–8.
3 Ibn al-Faqīh (fl. 289/902) attributes to al-Khwārazmī (fl. 184–232/800–47) the statement that the circumference of the Earth is 9,000 farsakh, i.e., 27,000 miles. Mercier argues that the ratio of 75 miles per degree reflects Roman miles rather than Arab miles, so must be of pre-Islamic origin (Mercier 1992, 178; Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 4).
4 This account is indirectly based on Ptolemy’s Geography, where the most northern parallel at the island of Thule is given at 63 degrees, and the length of the longest day in Thule at 20 hours. See Ptolemy 1932, 159–161, and Berggren & Jones 2000, 108–11, and 180.
5 The measurement of the length of one degree on the meridian by astronomers commissioned by the Abbasid Caliph al-Ma’mūn in Baghdad circa 215/830 is reported in several versions, all largely dependent on an account originally given by Habash al-Ḥāsib (fl. 214–50/829–64). See translations and analysis in Barani 1951; Langermann 1985; Mercier 1992, 178–81; King 2000.
6 The geographer Ptolemy was sometimes confused with his namesake monarchs in Egypt. Yaqūt (d. 626/1229) cites anonymous authorities who report that Ptolemy the king was responsible for expeditions to the edges of the Earth, but Yaqūt himself doubts whether this is the same person as the famous geographer: ‘Others have related that Ptolemy the Greek king—who, I think, is other than the author of the Almagest, for the latter was not a king and did not flourish in the time of the Ptolemies but came after them—sent to this quarter a group of learned men versed in astronomy’ (Yaqūt 1866, 118; Yaqūt 1987, 27). See also the sources cited by Nallino 1944, 475–8. MS D and B have ‘Ptolemy mentioned in the cities’—implying a treatise called ‘The Cities’.
7 This is indeed the circumference of the Earth as calculated by Ptolemy in his Geography; see Ptolemy 1932, 160, and Berggren & Jones 2000, 21–22.
7.5 *stadia*. In order to convert the *stadia* to miles, we divide the 180,000 *stadia* by 7.5. We find that the circumference of the Earth is 24,000 miles, and its diameter 7,636 miles. This is its longitudinal and latitudinal circumference.

When al-Maʾmūn wished to know the size of the Earth, he enquired and discovered that Ptolemy reported its size to be such-and-such *stadia*.\(^8\) Al-Maʾmūn asked his scholars about the meaning of the term *isṭādanus* [Greek *stadion*], but they disagreed concerning its explanation. So he said: ‘This does not explain what we wanted [to know]’. He then decided to dispatch Khālid ibn ‘Abd [al-Malik] al-Marwarrūdhī,\(^9\) ‘Ali ibn Ḥisā al-ʿAṣṭurlābī,\(^10\) and Aḥmad ibn al-Buḥturī the surveyor, together with a group of surveyors and engineers to monitor the instruments required. Al-Maʾmūn sent them to a place he had chosen in the plains of Sinjār.\(^11\) Then Khālid and the group with him headed in the direction of the north celestial pole in *Banāt naʾsh*,\(^12\) while ‘Ali, Aḥmad and the party with them headed in the direction of the south pole. Each party continued until they reached the location he had assigned them. There they observed the maximum altitude of the Sun at noon to have changed by one degree from the altitude [of the Sun] at noon [at the place] from which they had set out, after subtracting from it the movement of the Sun during the course of the journey. They had made measurements on their way by placing markers, and then they returned on their tracks following the markers, testing the measurement a second time. In this way they found that the cities of Tadmur and al-Raqqa are one latitudinal degree from each other, and that the terrestrial distance between the two cities is fifty six and two-thirds miles, the mile being 4,000 cubits, [using] the ‘black’ cubits adopted by al-Maʾmūn for measuring cloth and reckoning distances between stations on the pilgrimage road.

Al-Maʾmūn then calculated the distance between Mecca and Baghdad by arithmetical means [that is, from the difference in their co-ordinates], and found it to be approximately 703 \(\frac{3}{4}\) miles.\(^13\) Then he ordered Khālid and his party to measure the distance, and, by using the best and the most direct route, they found the distance between Baghdad and Mecca to be 712 miles. The [number reached by] measurement was higher than [the number reached by] arithmetic calculation by 8 \(\frac{1}{4}\) miles.

Then they sub-divided the ‘black’ cubit: its length was [equal to] two feet, each foot being twelve digits, each digit being twelve barley corns laid end to end, each barley corn being twelve small grains.

The circumference of the Earth is therefore 24,000 miles, or 96,000,000 cubits, or 192,000,000 feet, or 2,304,000,000 digits, or 27,648,000,000 barley corns, or 331,776,000,000 small grains.\(^14\) The end [of this chapter].

It is followed by the second chapter on the map of the Earth.

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\(^8\) The account here is again derived from the work of Ḥabash al-Ḥāsib. Compare the following with translations in Langermann 1985; Mercier 1992, 179; King 2000, 217–8. A world map (no longer preserved) was apparently prepared for the caliph al-Maʾmūn by a group of scholars that included al-Khwārazmī, and there has been much speculation regarding the actual form of *al-ṣūrah al-Maʾmūniyah*; see Tibbetts 1992a, 105–105; Sezgin, GAS X, 73–140; Rapoport & Savage-Smith 2008, 129–133.

\(^9\) Khālid ibn ʿAbd al-Malik al-Marwarrūdhī (fl. 216–30/831–44), an astronomer working at the time of al-Maʾmūn (Sezgin GAS VI, 139, and the sources cited there).

\(^10\) ‘Ali ibn Ḥisā al-ʿAṣṭurlābī, a scholar of physics and astronomy, who lived and worked in the first half of the third/ninth century (Sezgin GAS VI, 143–4).

\(^11\) The Mountains of Sinjār are a steep mountain range to the west of Mosul, in the desert zone between the Tigris and Khābūr rivers (EP, art. ‘Sinjār, Djabal’).

\(^12\) *Banāt naʾsh* (the daughters of the bier) was the Bedouin name for three stars in Ursa Minor (including the Pole Star) as well as three stars in Ursa Major. See the Glossary of Star Names.

\(^13\) The following lines are a concise rendition of a passage dealing with the calculation of the prayer direction from Baghdad to Mecca ordered by al-Maʾmūn, based on the account by Habash. But Habash reports that the result of this calculation was 676 \(\frac{2}{3}\) miles (Langermann 1985, 123; King 2000, 218–9).

\(^14\) The erroneous 192,000,000,000; 27,600,048,000; and 331,700,076,000 in the Arabic text are clearly copyist’s errors.
[The Second Chapter on the Map of the Earth]1

[23b–24a]

1 The map is preserved only in copy A. This map of the inhabited world is unlike any other recorded ancient or medieval map. At the top of the map, which is labelled South, there is a carefully executed graphic scale. The ‘Mountain of the Moon’—considered by medieval Arabic writers to be the source of the Nile—is represented at the centre of the scale. In the lower left part of the map, the Indian Ocean is shown together with Arabia (the larger of the two peninsulas) and Persia/India. The two highly stylized and complicated river systems between and below the two peninsulas represent the Euphrates and the Tigris. In the lower left part of the map, we find the gate constructed by Alexander the Great to enclose Gog and Magog. For discussion of this map, see Rapoport & Savage-Smith 2008; Kahlaoui 2008, 144–150; Kaplony 2008.


3 A badly damaged label. Compare ibn Ḥawqal 1873, 75; ibn Ḥawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 252.

4 Leon, in north-west Spain (EI2, art. ‘Lérida’). Not mentioned by Ibn Hawqal, but by other Arab geographers (Cornu 1985, 127).

5 Mérida, on an itinerary from Toledo to Lisbon (EI2, art. ‘Mérida’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 234; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 75. Lérida, in east Spain (EI2, art. ‘Lérida’). Not mentioned by Ibn Hawqal, but by other Arab geographers (Cornu 1985, 127).

6 Probably Zaragoza, in north-east Spain (EI2, art. ‘Zarajílah’, Saragossa’). Reading of label uncertain. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 233; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 232.

7 A locality west of Toledo, on itinerary from Lisbon (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 260).

8 Talavera, on the Tajo River, west of Toledo on the itinerary from Lisbon (EI2, art. ‘Talabíra’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 257.

9 According to location on map, this should be Ṭulayṭulah (Toledo). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 256.

10 Alcántara, in western Spain, near border with Portugal (EI2, art. ‘Kantara’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 254.

11 Literally, ‘the valley of iron’. Unidentified locality in al-Andalus.

12 Possible a mistake for ʿUrjudūnah (‘the length of al-Andalus is less than a month’s journey, and its breadth twenty-odd stages’); Ibn Hawqal 1873, 7317: (Cornu 1985, 127). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 233; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 75.

13 A locality west of Toledo, on itinerary from Lisbon (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 258).
1. Baṭaylūs (Badajoz) 22
2. Ilīs [= Albas] (Elvas) 23
3. Khālmāniyāh [= Jālmāniyāh] (Juromenha) 24
4. A-x-d-h [= Bīzah] (Aviz) 25
5. Shīnhrah (Sintra) 26
6. Lishbūnah (Lisbon) 27
7. The mouth of the river 28
8. al-Ma’ādin (Almadin) 29
9. Qaṣr T-K-a-r-s [= Bāni Wardās] (Aliccèrdosal) 30
10. Shant [= Shīb] (Silves) 31
11. al-Hasanah [= Ukhshūnuba] (Ocosnoba) 32
12. Lab (Lepe) 33
13. Jabal al-’Uyān (Gibraleón) 34
14. Ḥālfah [= Lablah]? (Niebla) 35
15. A-x-s-x-l-n-h [= Isbīliyah] (Seville) 36
16. Ishbūlah [= Isbīliyah] (Seville) 37

22 Badajoz, on an itinerary from Toledo to Lisbon (EF, art. Baṭaylūw). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 265.

23 Elvas, in modern Portugal, on an itinerary from Toledo to Lisbon (Cornu 1985, 125 [al-Baš or Albas]). Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 274.

24 Juromenha, in modern Portugal (Cornu 1985, 126). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80 (Jā’ānuḥū); Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 273.

25 Aviz, north-east of Lisbon (Cornu 1985, 125). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80 (Yābūrah); Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 272 (x-’-d-h).

26 Sintra, on an itinerary from Toledo to Lisbon (Cornu 1985, 129 [Ṣantar]a). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 270.

27 Lisbon (EF, art. (al-)Ušbīnūa). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 269.

28 Mouth of the river Tajo, where the town of Almadin is located. Compare Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1153: المدین وهو فن النهر.

29 Almadin, in Lisbon, at the mouth of the river Tajo (EF, art. ‘al-Ma’ādin’). Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 255.

30 Alicheśrdosal (Portugal), on an itinerary from Lisbon to Seville (EF, art. ‘Ḵaṣr ʿAbī Danīs’; Cornu 1985, 129). Correction to name from Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80 (Fashīr ʿAbī Dānis). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 249 (فنشر بني ورداس).

31 Silves, in modern Portugal, on an itinerary from Lisbon to Seville (EF, art. ‘Shīb’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 248.

32 Ocosnoba, in modern Portugal, on an itinerary from Lisbon to Seville (EF, art. ‘Ukhshūnuba’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 252.


35 According to the sequence of localities it is an itinerary from Lisbon to Seville, should be Lablah (Niebla), west of Seville (EF, art. ‘Laba’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 250.

36 Reading uncertain. See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 251:

37 Carmona, north-east of Seville (EF, art. ‘Karmūnā’). Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 243.

38 Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 232.


40 Guadalajara (EF, art. ‘Wadīl-Hijājrā’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 80; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1175.

41 Mérida (a repetition of label no. 201).

42 Pechina (EF, art. ‘Badjdjāna’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 65; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 227.

43 A repetition of label no. 013.

44 Tortosa, in north-east Spain, on the river Ebro (EF, art. ‘Ṭurṭūsha’). Ibn Hawqal 1873, 76, 5; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 224.

45 Damaged label. Possibly Arbūnā, modern Narbonne, in southern France (EF, art. ‘Arbūnā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 276 (نبرن); Ibn Hawqal 1873, 74; 5; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 109 (نابن).

46 A repetition of label no. 095.

47 Nafrah, the name of a Berber tribe, sections of which settled along the frontier of al-Andalus with Galicia (EF, art. ‘Nafra’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 76, 5; Cornu 1985, 128.

48 Damaged label. Possibly Arbūnā, modern Narbonne, in southern France (EF, art. ‘Arbūnā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 276 (نبرن); Ibn Hawqal 1873, 74; 5; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 109 (نابن).

49 A repetition of label no. 021.

50 Nafrah, a Berber tribe which settled along the frontier of al-Andalus with Galicia (EF, art. ‘Midyūna’). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 75; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 221.

51 Merida (a repetition of label no. 021).

52 Schyana (EF, art. ‘Madyānā’).

53 Al-Hawwārah (EF, art. ‘Lablah’). Not in Ibn Hawqal; see Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 41.

54 Beja in modern Portugal (EF, art. ‘Badjdjāna’). Not in Ibn Hawqal; see Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 41.
of the Maghreb, label no. 160, and ibn Ḥawqal map of the Maghreb, label no. 154.

85 Amalfi, in Italy. See ibn Ḥawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 153.

86 Gaeta, on the north-western Italian coast. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 155.

87 Napoli or Naples, in Italy. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 154.

88 Salerno, in Italy. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 152.

89 Unidentified locality on Italian coast, between Salerno and Cosenza.

90 Kasashah, modern Cosenza in southern Italy. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 149.

91 Arabic: jazā'iruhu maskūnah wa-fataḥa. the sentence ends abruptly, and the meaning is lost. Compare Ibn Hawqal’s map of the Maghreb, label no. 160, and Ibn Hawqal map of the
Mediterranean, label no. 101: Jünn al-baṣṭuwa wa-zāja bašīra miskuna wa-aqālīmíhā (‘Gulf of the Venetians'). It contains inhabited and populous islands. The languages there vary. There are Franks, nāmtime, Slavs, Burjān [Bulgars] and others'. This label is not found in the text of Ibn Hawqal's work, but only in his maps.

92 Kieh (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 392, 397).

93 Compare the label on Ibn Hawqal’s map of the Mediterranean: ‘النيل’ (The Nile) (EI 2, art., ‘al-nīl’). The depiction of the ‘white sand dunes’, however, is a garbled version of Barghwāṭah (EI 2, art., ‘Barghwāṭah’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 188.

94 Barghwāṭah, a Berber confederation established in the Tāmmul province, extending along the Atlantic coast of Morocco, between Sa‘l and Sa‘fī, from the 2nd/8th to the 6th/12 century (EI 2, art., ‘Barghwāṭa’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 188.

95 Ribāṭ Māsah, on Atlantic coast of Morocco south of Agadir (EI 2, art., ‘Māsah’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 189.

96 Here meaning the Farther Sūs, the southern part of modern Morocco. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 192.

97 Tāmdalt, unidentified site in the region of the Farther Sūs in southern Morocco. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 190; Cornu 1985, 118.

98 Awdaghost was a town, now no longer existing, situated between the country of the Blacks and Siilīmāṣa, at about 51 days’ march from this oasis and 25 from Ghana. At the end of the 4th/10th century it was the capital of a powerful Berber state (EI 2, art., ‘Awdaghost’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 193.

99 Kūghah, on an itinerary between Awdaghost and Kawkaw in West Africa (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66).

100 Sāmah, on an itinerary between Awdaghost and Kawkaw in West Africa. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 210; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66.

101 Gharayū is the name given by Arab geographers to a region in Central Africa. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 127; Pinna 1996, 238.

102 Kazam, on an itinerary between Awdaghost and Kawkaw in West Africa. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 128; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66.

103 ‘al-kathib al-abyaḏ (The white sand dunes)106

104 Unidentified locality in central Africa.

105 Kawkaw, modern Gao in Mali, is one of the oldest commercial centres in West Africa, standing at the point where the caravan route from Tlemcen reaches the Niger (EI 2, art., ‘Gao’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 130; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 66.

106 The ‘white sand dunes’ are visually and textually depicted on this map as a source of a western branch of the Nile; see also label no. 173 below, and the map of Nile in Book Two, Chapter Eighteen (labels 99 and 106). A cycle of geographical conceptions in pre-Islamic and early Islamic literature linked the western part of Africa with the river system of the Nile. Pliny relates that the Nile rises in Lower Mauritania, not far from the Western Ocean; after terminating in a lake formed by it behind the Great Atlas, it re-emerges from the sands of the desert as the Niger. This view, however, was not incorporated into Ptolemy’s Geography (Cooley 1854, 8–9). This western tributary of the Nile is also not found in Khwārazmī’s map of the Nile, or in his tables (See Dzhafrī 1895, 87). The immediate source for the depiction here is a report by an Arab military commander, who claims to have seen the Nile emerge under a dune of sand during his raids on al-Sūs al-aqṣā, near the shores of the Atlantic (Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 64; Hopkins & Levitson 1981, 27). In later Arabic geography, this western tributary is reintroduced. A western arm of the Nile is depicted on the maps of al-Ídrīsī and indicated in the text of the 5th/11th geographer al-Bakrī (EI 2, art., ‘al-Nīl’). The depiction of the ‘white sand dunes’, however, does not appear to have a parallel in other Islamic maps.

107 Lake Rīḥah, modern Merđa Zarqa, in western Morocco. See Cornu 1985, 118 (‘A. Aybragh or B. ar-Righah’); Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 177.

108 Al-Baṣrah, a medieval city in Morocco, not extant today. The site is in the ruins of the Roman villa of Tremulae, 35 km south of Ksar al-Kebir in Morocco (EI 2, art., ‘al-Baṣra’ [G. Yever]). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 175.

[116] Azīlá
[117] Tanjāh (Tangier)
[118] Sabtah (Ceuta)
[119] Nakū
ty (th)
[120] Māliqah = Malīlah ?
[121] al-liqlūm = al-qaqūm
[122] Nahr Ṣāydaṭ = Safād
[123] Zalāṭ
[124] Darṣūn = Tāwūrāt
[125] Fās (Fez)
[126] Aṃār = Aqūmāṭ
[127] al-Ulyā (?)
[128] Tāḥart = Tāḥart
[129] Qābaraḍā = Tābaraḍā
[130] x-r-m-a-n = Mazāwārū
[131] Barfānah = Tarfānāh
[132] Harāwah = Jarāwāh
[133] Amkān = Afkān

[134] S-l-h-n = Shalīf
[135] Jīsr = khams marāhīl (Five days' journey)
[136] Wāryūd = Wārīfān
[137] Hūrārah = Hūwārah
[138] Arkūl = Arīkūk
[139] Nahr S-d-y-n (?)
[140] Jazīrat bani Zāghnān (Algiers)
[141] Biṣayāh (Bougie)
[142] al-Masīlah
[143] N-s-k-d-h = Biskarāh
[144] Wādī al-Qaṣāb
[145] Nahr Māmyā (River Māmyā)
[146] T-n-y-h = Tūnāb
[147] Nīrīyah = Bilīzma (?)
[148] Qafṣah (Gašā)
[149] Qāṣrah
[150] Madkūrah = Madhākūrh
[151] Tībāsā (Tēbessa)

101 Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 169.
102 Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 168.
103 Nakūr, modern Al-Huceima, 140 km west of Mellīla, on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco (Idrisī, art., 'Ṭubna'). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 167.
104 Written as Mālagā in Spain, but probably a mistake for Malīlah, modern Mellīla, on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 166.
106 Written as Mālagā in Spain, but probably a mistake for Malīlah, modern Mellīla, on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 166.
107 Zalāṭ, a medieval settlement on the route between Fez and Tāḥart (Tiaret). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 209.
108 Tāḥart, or Tahert, modern Tiaret, in Algeria, capital of the Rustamid dynasty (Idrisī, art., 'Ṭubna'). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 170.
109 Aqūmāṭ, also called Aqūmāṭ Aqylā or Waylā, a town in western Morocco, 40 km south-east of Marrakesh (Idrisī, art., 'Aqūmāṭ'). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 191.
110 Unidentified locality in North Africa.
111 Tābaraḍā, a medieval settlement on the route between Fez and Tāḥart (Tiaret). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 209.
112 Mālagā in Spain, but probably a mistake for Malīlah, modern Mellīla, on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 166.
113 In the Zāb (Idrisī, art., 'Masīla'). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 112.
114 Al-Masīlah, modern Mʾsila, Top of form 1 a town in Algeria founded by the Fātimids in 315/927 as an outpost of their rule in the Zāb (Idrisī, art., 'Masīla'). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 112.
115 Chelīf, one day's journey west of Miliyānah. See Cornu 1985, 112 (Al-khaḍrāʾ).
116 Huwārah, or Qafṣah Rashīd, between Mascara and Relizane in Algeria (Cornu 1985, 112).
118 Unidentified river in North Africa.
119 See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 7-14.
120 Bejaia (Bougie), on coast of modern Algeria (Cornu 1985, 110).
121 Qafṣah (Gašā), modern Al-Huceima, 140 km west of Miliyānah. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 112.
123 Possibly a mistake for Ibn Māmā, a locality shown by Ibn Hawqal on an itinerary between Mʾsila and Tahert (Tiaret). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 120.
124 Al-Qaṣrah, a town in the area of Gammouda in modern Algeria (Cornu 1985, 110).
125 Possibly Belezma, a locality north of the Aurès in modern Algeria (Cornu 1985, 110 [Belīzma]). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 117.
126 Qafṣah (modern Gaša), in modern Tunis. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 112.
127 Madhīkūr, a town in the area of Gammouda in modern Tunis, mentioned by Ibn Hawqal (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 67; Idrīs 1862, 262).
128 A medieval locality on an itinerary between Fez and Tāḥart (modern Chelīf). See Cornu 1985, 117; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 205.
129 Wārīfān, or al-Hadrāʿ Wārīfān, on the banks of the river Chelīf, one day's journey west of Miliyānah. See Cornu 1985, 112 (Al-khaḍrāʾ).
129 Possibly a mistake for Ibn Māmā, a locality shown by Ibn Hawqal on an itinerary between Mʾsila and Tahert (Tiaret). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 120.
130 Qafṣah (Gašā), modern Al-Huceima, 140 km west of Miliyānah. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 112.
132 Unidentified river in North Africa.
133 Bejaia (Bougie), on coast of modern Algeria (Cornu 1985, 110).
134 There are no diacritical dots over this label. It should probably be read Tibassā (modern Tībassā, in Algeria), in the Aurès, usually written as Tibassā (Idrisī, art., 'Tebessa'; Cornu 1985, 117).
[152] Mājānāh

[153] K-w-th-n

[154] Māndīb = Tāmīdīt

[155] al-A-r-kh-ā = al-Urbūs

[156] Jalūn = Jalālū?

[157] (Mūsā = Marsā?) (An anchorage?)

[158] Bānāh (Bōne)

[159] T-y-r-fr = Tābarqah

[160] S-f-y-ā

[161] x-x-r-h-h = Banzart

[162] Q-t-a-m-d

[163] xīlīs = Tunis (Tunis)

[164] al-Jāmūr

[165] al-Mallāḥah

[166] T-a-f-h-i-b

[167] Qaṣr al-Marshā = al-Marsā?

[168] Qaṣr al-Ḥadīd

[169] Qalshānah

[170] Jalīnas = Hadīnas

[171] F-l-a-s = Qalānas

[172] x-f-r-w-a-n = al-Qayrawān

[173] This is the white sand dunes (al-kathīb al-abyad), from which springs and marshes gush forth, flowing into the Nile.

[174] Here are seventy kings

[175] Bilād al-sūdān (Lands of the Sudan)

[176] al-ard al-muhriqah (The land of Scorching Heat)

[177] al-baṭīḥah al-qarbariyah (the western marsh [of the Nile])

[178] al-baṭīḥah al-Sharqiyyah (the eastern marsh [of the Nile])

[179] More than (?)

[180] ‘Alwah

[181] j-kursā (?)

[182] ‘Arḍ (?) bilād dār ‘Alwah (Lands [?] of the dwellings of the ‘Alwah)

[183] Jazīrat Suwaydah = al-Nūbah? (Island of the Nubians?)

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145 Mājānāh or Marmajjānāh, in the central Maghrib, 40 km north of Tēbessa (Cornu 1985, 114 [Marmajjānāh]). Indicated by Ibn Ḥawqal on a northern itinerary between Qayrawān and Msīla. See Ibn Ḥawqal 1873, 594; Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 88.

146 Unidentified locality in North Africa.

147 Tāmīdīt, in the central Maghrib, indicated by Ibn Ḥawqal on a northern itinerary between Qayrawān and Msīla, one day’s journey from Marmajjānāh (Cornu 1985, 118). See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 61.

148 Possibly al-Urbūs (or Lorbeus, classical Laribus), on a northern itinerary between Qayrawān and Msīla, two days from Tāmīdīt (Idrisi 1962, 2:477; Cornu 1985, 113 [Lorbus]). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 105; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 60.

149 Possibly Jalūlū? (modern ‘ayn djelloula, 50 km north-west of Msīla). See ibn Ḥawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 11 (Qalshānā or Qalsānah).

150 First letter or letters of the label effaced. According to the sequence of ports, this could be Marsā al-Dajāj, east of Algiers (Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 73).

151 Bānāh or al-Annāba, modern Bōne, on the Algerian coast, east of Algiers. The name Bānāh is used by the early Arab geographers (EF, art., ‘al-Annāba’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 72.

152 Tābarqah, modern Tabarka, on north-west coast of modern Tunisia (EF, art., ‘Tabarka’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 70.

153 An unidentified locality in North Africa between Tabarka and Bizerte.

154 There are no diacritical dots over this label. It could possibly read Banzart, modern Bizerte/Binzert, on the north coast of Tunisia.

155 Unidentified locality, probably between Tunis and Bizerte.

156 Possibly a miscopying for Tunis.

157 Al-Jāmūr is the name given to two islands facing the harbour of Bānāh (Bōne), between Tunis and Kelibia. Al-Idrīsī notes that the islands are used as anchorage during storms (Idrisi 1970, 301).

158 Literally, “the salt mine”. Unidentified locality between Tunis and Mahdīyah; it is noteworthy that in this period the ancient port of Carthage, north of Tunis, was transformed into a salt mine (Idrisi 1962, 2:436).

159 Possibly a corruption of Qurtajīnāh, classical Carthage), located to the north of Tunis. See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 50; Ibn Hawqal 1964, 83; Idrisi 1962, 2:432.


161 Qaṣr al-Ḥadīd (or Qaṣr al-Jadīd). Two localities by these names by those mentioned by al-Bakrī, one south of Cape Bon and the other east of Sousse (Idrisi 1962, 2:441, 446).

162 A locality south-east of Qairouan; precise location unknown. See Idrīsī 1962, 2:428; Cornu 1985, 115 (Qalṣānā or Qalsānah).

163 Hadīnas, on an itinerary between Qairouan and Gabes. See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 85.

164 Qalānūs or Qalānuṣ, a medieval town in the region of Maknät Abū Mansūr (Cornu 1985, 115). Ibn Hawqal depicts it on an itinerary between Qairouan and Gabes; see Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 85.

165 See Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 86.

166 On the ‘white sand dunes’ as a western source of the Nile, see label no. 11 above.

167 Known to medieval authors as the south-western limit of the first clime, i.e., the area in Africa near the equator; see Yaqūt 1866, 1:186.

168 ‘Alwah, a Nubian people and kingdom, with its capital in Sōba, near the site of modern Khartoum in the Sudan (EF, art., ‘Alwah’). See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 57–8, 132; not in Ibn Hawqal 1873.

169 The people of Kurṣā (kurṣā), a Nubian people mentioned by Ibn Hawqal in the upper regions of the Nile, near the dwellings of the ‘Alwah (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 57; not in Ibn Hawqal 1873).

170 A large island in the Nile, known as the Island of Meroë, has been part of classical geographical accounts of the Nile, including Ptolemy’s Geography (Cooley 1854, ?). This island then appears also, under the name Dongola (Quatremère 1824–27), on Khwârazmî’s map of the Nile (Khwârazmî 1926, Tafel III). The direct source for the information on the map here in the Book of Curiosities is a paraphrase by Ibn Hawqal, who states that between the White Nile and the principal arm of the Nile, in
the land of the ‘Alwah, there is a very large island, inhabited by Nubians. Kurša people and many others (Ibn Hawqal 1958, 58%), On the Ibn Hawqal map of the Nile, label no. 7, the same island is labeled (madīnat al-nūbāh, the city of the Nubians).

171 Name for two towns in Nubia and the adjacent territory, in modern Sudan (EP, art. ‘Dongola’).

172 Unidentified locality on an itinerary from Qairouan towards Barqah. Possibly a corruption of Fundq Ibu Lungman (tabshah), indicated by Ibn Hawqal on itinerary between Qairouan and Gable (Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 85). Unidentified locality on an itinerary from Qairouan towards Barqah.

174 Qaṣr al-Aswad, or Wādī al-Rimāl, located 40 km east of Tripoli (Cornu 1985, 124 [Wādī al-Ramī]). Indicated by Ibn Hawqal on an itinerary between Tripoli and Barqah (Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 79).

175 Unidentified locality on an itinerary from Qairouan towards Barqah.

177 Qaṣr Hassān or Qusūr Hassān, west of Sīrte (Cornu 1985, 123 [‘Qusur Hassān’]). Indicated by Ibn Hawqal as the fourth stop on the itinerary between Tripoli and Barqah (Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 13).


179 Unidentified inland locality east of Barqah.

180 A locality on an itinerary from Barqah towards the Nile Delta. The full name may be missing, or, this label may be conjoined with the label directly beneath it to form the toponym Wādī Masūsh; see Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 21.

181 Wādī Masūsh is indicated by Ibn Hawqal on an itinerary between Barqah and the Nile delta (Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 21).

182 Qaṣr Tabsah, or Tabsah (classical Thapsus), between Monastir and Mahdiya (Idrisi 1962, 2:449).

183 Qaṣr Lamṭah (modern Lamta), between Monastir and Mahdiya (Idrīsī 1970, 393; Idrīs 1962, 2:448).

184 Unidentified locality, between Monastir and Mahdiya.

185 Ibn Hawqal map of Maghreb, label no. 66.

186 Zawīlah, a suburb of Mahdiya (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 71; Idrīs 1962, 2:453).

187 Qaṣr al-Sallaqūtah (Salakta) 188

188 M-‘a-n-h 188

189 al-Iqāmah 189

190 T-‘a-r-h 190

191 Qaṣr Ziyād 191

192 Qaṣr S-m-d-w-s (= Majdūnas) 192

193 Madīnah (City) 193

194 (…)yāh (?) 194

195 Aṣyūt (Asyut) 195

196 al-Asmūnayn (al-Asmurnayn) 196

197 L-n-n-y-h (= al-Qays) 197

198 Bilād al-Ṣaʿīd (Upper Egypt) 198

199 Barrier (?), and to (?) | the barzakh, the extent of the two seas 199

200 The domain of the infidel Beja 199

201 al-Muqattam (Muqattam) 200

202 Arḍ al-Ṭabarshah (Ethiopia) 201

203 Arḍ al-Barbar (Berbera) 202

204 The crocodile comes from it [the Qārūrah Lake] | to the lands of the Zanj 201

205 A river from the Qārūrah Lake 202
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al-Jūsá (or al-Ḥūsá), a stop on route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

al-Qulzum, city and port at the northern edge of the Red Sea, near modern Eilat. See Ibn Hawqal map of Persia Gulf, label no. 27.

al-rimonal (Sand?) F/Qūṣ (?)


Khwārazmī’s tables and on his map of the Nile (Khwārazmī 1926, Tafel iii; see the reconstructions of Khwārazmī’s world maps in Sezgin GAS XII, Plate 1b; Dzhafri 1985, 88). It is also indicated and discussed again later on in the treatise, in the diagram dedicated to the sources of the Nile, where the lake is also named ‘the lake of Qanbalū’ (see below, Chapter Seven-teen). The lake is undoubtedly Lake Coloe (Κολόη), which Ptolemy claimed to be the source of the Astapos eastern tributary of the Nile (Cooley 1854, 38). The Ptolemaic Coloe lake is then also reported by Jacob of Edessa (d. AD 708) in his Hexameron (Gautier Dalché 2009, 58). The name qarīrah, literally a long-necked bottle or flask, may be derived from the Greek.

Zābaj, the name of an island placed by the Arabic geographical writers in the north-eastern part of the Indian Ocean, on the route between India and China; it is likely to be Java (EP, art. ‘Zabadj’; Tibbetts 1979, 100–116).

The Rif is the central region of the Nile delta; Lower Egypt.

City and port on the Red Sea, near modern Eilat. See Ibn Hawqal map of Persian Gulf, label no. 27.

Al-Qulzum, city and port at the northern edge of the Red Sea, near modern Suez (EP, art. ‘al-Ḳulzum’; Ibn Hawqal map of Persian Gulf, label no. 25).

The medieval name for the Sinai Desert (EP, art. ‘Ṭibh’).

A stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

Al-Jūsā (or al-Ḥūsah), a stop on route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

A stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

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Al-Qulzum, city and port at the northern edge of the Red Sea, near modern Suez (EP, art. ‘al-Ḳulzum’; Ibn Hawqal map of Persian Gulf, label no. 25).

The medieval name for the Sinai Desert (EP, art. ‘Ṭibh’).

A stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

A stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

Al-Mahmuh (al-Jubbah, دجنب), a stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

Al-Dawārā (or al-rawārā), a stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

A stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

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216 Al-Anāk, a stop on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).

217 Possibly Adhru’āt (ذكرى), near Damascus, on a route from Kūfah to Damascus (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 99).


219 One of the four streams to flow from the Euphrates into the Tigris (Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 10).

220 Al-Sawād, the alluvial plains of the Euphrates and the Tigris, here referring to the sawād of Kūfah (Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 43).

221 Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

222 Qaṣr Abī Hubayrah, a town on the Euphrates, a stop on a route between Baghdad and Kūfah. See Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 125; Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 41.

223 Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

224 Label written without diacritical points. Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

225 Al-Qādisīyah in southern Iraq.

226 Al-Qādisīyah in southern Iraq.

227 Al-Udhayb, on an itinerary between Kūfah and Medina (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 126).

228 Al-Aqabah, on an itinerary between Kūfah and Medina (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 126).

229 Al-Qārāʾ, on an itinerary between Kūfah and Medina (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 126).

230 Al-Sawād, the alluvial plains of the Euphrates and the Tigris, here referring to the sawād of Kūfah (Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 43).

231 Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

232 Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

233 Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

234 Label written without diacritical points. Unidentified locality between Baghdad and Kūfah.

235 Label written without diacritical points. Unidentified locality on itinerary between Kūfah and Medina.
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Modern Yemen (Cornu 1985, 83).

Al-Shiḥr, a coastal town in the southern Arabian Peninsula, in modern Yemen (EP, art. ‘al-Shiḥr’); should be south, rather than north, of al-Shihr.

A coastal town in the southern Arabian Peninsula, in modern Yemen (EP, art. ‘al-Shiḥr’); should be south, rather than north, of Muscat.

Unidentified locality on the southern shores of Arabic Peninsula; possibly a mistake for Aden.

Hajar, a town in eastern Arabia (EP, art. ‘al-Hāsā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Arabia, label no. 62.

According to Arabic geographical works, Jabal ‘Uwayr is one of two underwater mountains (the other called Kusayr) in the Persian Gulf, of which only the peak is above the sea-level (Ibn Khurradadhbih 1189, 157; Sauvaget 1948, 7, no. 13). Alternatively, the label may be a corruption of *l-amāl al-abhar* (the sands of al-Abhar). See Ibn Hawqal map of Arabia, label no. 63.

Ibn Hawqal map of Fars, label no. 70.

On the coast of Fars (EP, art. ‘Fārs’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Fars, label no. 9.

[236] Unidentified locality on itinerary between Kūfah and Medina.

[237] Unidentified locality in the Arabian Peninsula.

[238] Between Basrah and the Yamāma. See Ibn Khurradadhbih 1189, 157; Sauvaget 1948, 7, no. 13). Alternatively, the label may be a corruption of *l-amāl al-abhar* (the sands of al-Abhar). See Ibn Hawqal map of Arabia, label no. 63.

249 Jannābā, arabicized form of Gaṇā, on Persian coast of the Persian Gulf (EP, art. ‘Djanābā’). See also Ibn Hawqal map of Fars, label no. 54.

250 Sirāf, an important medieval port on coast of Fars (EP, art. ‘Sirāf’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Fars, label no. 55.

251 Daibul, the ancient port town of Sind, near the mouth of the Indus (EP, art. ‘Daybul’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Sind, label no. 3.

252 Label written without diacritical dots. Unidentified locality, probably in India.

253 Label written without diacritical dots. Possibly a corruption of Sindān or sandān (sindān). See also Ibn Hawqal map of Sind, label no. 4.

254 Unidentified locality, probably in India. Possibly a corruption of *sīrāf* (sīrāf). See ibn Ḥawqal map of Fars, label no. 45.

255 Unidentified locality, probably in India. Possibly a corruption of *ṣaymūr* (ṣaymūr), the ancient port of Chaul south of Mumbai (EP, art. ‘Naitis’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Sind, label no. 46.

256 Unidentified locality in India. It may also be identified with Qāṭṭiyarā, a classical name of a city on the Indian coast mentioned by Ptolemy and Khwārazmī (khwārazmī 1926, 6 no. 49).

257 The third letter is not dotted. Unidentified locality, probably in India.

258 The third letter is not dotted. Unidentified locality, probably in India.

259 Probably Qannaw (Qinnaw, Qanaw), the capital of the Gurjara dynasty in north India (EP, art. ‘Kanawā’). Indicated also on the map of the River Indus (Chapter Eighteen, Book Two) below.

260 Probably a mistake for Benares (Banāris or Kāshī), in north-east India, on the left bank of the Ganges.

261 Probably Prayāg (modern Allahābād), on the confluence of the rivers Ganges and the Jumna. Indicated also on the map of the River Indus (Chapter Eighteen, Book Two) below.

262 Probably a mistake for Benares (Banāris or Kāshī), in north-east India, on the left bank of the Ganges.

263 Mansūrah, on the banks of the Indus in Sind (EP, art. ‘Mansūrā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Sind, label no. 23.

264 Multān, on the banks of the Indus in Sind (EP, art. ‘Multān’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Sind, label no. 27.

265 Probably Fārs, repeated also nearby (label no. 271).
The barrier which was built by Alexander
A repetition of label no. 296.
A district on the route from Khuzistan to Fars (Ibn Khurraḍāḍbih 1889, 45).
An unidentified region on an itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul. See Cornu 1985, 38; Ibn Hawqal map of Khuzistan, label no. 58.
Mountains of Bādūsbān, south of Tabaristan. See ibn Khurraḍāḍbih 1889, 45.
A town of medieval Iraq, on an itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul (EP, art. ‘Ukbarā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 55.
A town to the north of Baghdad, on an itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul (EP, art. ‘Alḥ’), Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 56.
On an itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul. See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 57.
This must be al-Karkh, the next stop on the itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul. See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 58.
This must be Samarra, the next stop on the itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul. See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 59. For Samarra, see Northedge 2005.
Modern Kut Nahr Ḥāšim (Iran). See Cornu 1985, 37; Ibn Hawqal map of Khuzistan, label no. 27.
The alluvial plains of al-Ahwāz (modern Ahvāz), in Khuzistan.
On an itinerary from Baghdad to Mosul (EP, art. ‘Alḥ’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 56.
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Modern Al-Dūr (or Al-Dawr). See Cornu 1985, 27; Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 60.
Hādiṭhat al-Mawsīl (Mosul)
Modern kūt nahr hāshim (Iran). See Cornu 1985, 37; ibn Hawqal map of Khuzistan, label no. 28.
A town on the east bank of the river Ḥiḍat al-Mawṣil, south of the river Ḥiḍat al-Mawṣil. See ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 62.
268 Probably Arrajān, often written al-Rajān (اَلْرَجَانَ), in Fars (EP, art. ‘Arrajān’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Fars, label no. 16.
269 Unidentified city in India or Bengal. Possibly identical with the city of A-r-x-x indicated on the map of the Indus River later in the treatise (Chapter Eighteen), on the route from Qannauj to China.
270 The familiar toponym ʿUmān (oman) is a mistake for an unidentified location in India or Bengal.
271 A repetition of label no. 296.
272 Unidentified region between India and China.
273 Unidentified locality in China, possibly Khānūqā (خَانُوقَاءَ) indicated on the Indus map.
274 Arabic literature developed a strand of traditions that linked Alexander with the enclosure of Gog and Magog. In this cycle of traditions, Alexander is known as Dhū al-Qarnayn, a term that appears in the Qurʿān (38.82). While the association of Alexander with the barrier enclosing Gog and Magog is first attested by the 4th century AD, it has been thoroughly developed by Muslim authors (Anderson 1932; Doufikar-Aerts 2010, 135ff, 155–168). On this barrier in Islamic literature and culture, see also Zadeh 2011; van Donzel & Schmidt 2010.
275 The “City of Copper” is part of the Alexander Romance cycle. In the Syriac Alexander tradition the barrier is described as a gate made of bronze or copper, and in Latin, Sasanian and Armenian sources the prison of Gog and Magog is portrayed as a ‘bronze city’. It is significant that on this map the city is located on a river that flows from the Gog and Magog Barrier (van Donzel & Schmidt 2010, 179–180, with reference to this map). There is a possible association with the city of al-Ṭarāz in Central Asia, and both Khwārazmi and Suhrāb list ‘al-Ṭarāz, city of the merchants’ (بناءة للمجارة) (Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 346–7). Tarāz (Arabic for Talas) was an important mercantile town in central Asia during the pre-Islamic and early Islamic period, whose ruins are found in modern Kazakhstan (EP, art. ‘Ṭarāz’).
291 Ma’alṭhāyā, modern Maltai, north of Mosul (Ε2, art. ‘Ma’alṭhāyā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 84.

292 The familiar toponym Nisībūr (Nishapur) is a copyist mistake for Fayshābūr, a district north of Mosul; for the history of the region, see Ε2, art. ‘Masīh’. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 71.

293 Locality in Upper Mesopotamia, near the River Tigris. See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 72.

294 Al-Rusafa, a suburb of Baghdad on the western bank of the Tigris (Ε2, art. ‘al-Ruṣāfah’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 19.

295 One of the four major canals that flowed from the Euphrates into the Tigris in the vicinity of Baghdad (Ε2, art. ‘Isā, Nahr’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 32.

296 A town along the Euphrates, south of Hit (Ε2, art. ‘al-Anbā’r’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 16.

297 A town along the Euphrates, north of al-Anbā’r (Ε2, art. ‘Hit’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 17.

298 A medieval town on an island in the Euphrates, near the modern town of the same name located along the banks of the river. See Northedge, Bamber & Road 1998, correcting some of the information in Ε2, art. ‘ʿĀna’. See also Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 26, where the town is shown as an island in the river.

299 A town on the right bank of the Euphrates, the modern al-Miyyādīn (Ε2, art. ‘al-Raḥībā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 19.

300 Edessa, modern Urfa, in the south-east of modern Turkey (Ε2, art. ‘al-Ruḥā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 47.

301 A locality on the banks of the river Khābūr, near its confluence with the Euphrates, and it is indicated on Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 28.

302 An important mediaeval Islamic town on the left bank of the Middle Euphrates, today in Syria (Ε2, art. ‘al-Raḵḵa’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 23.

303 A former town in northern Syria, which was a port on the western bank of the Euphrates at the entrance to Upper Mesopotamia (Ε2, art. ‘Bālis’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 5.

304 The largest and most eastern region in Upper Mesopotamia, of which the capital was Mosul (Ε2, art. ‘Diyār Raḥībā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 38 (with longer descriptive text).

305 On of the chief affluents of the Euphrates in Upper Mesopotamia (Ε2, art. ‘Khābūr’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 27.

306 Arzan, in eastern Anatolia (Ε2, art. ‘Arzan’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 74.

307 According to its geographical location, this is probably Mayyāfāriqīn, a town in the north-east of Diyār Bakr in eastern Anatolia (Ε2, art. ‘Mayyāfāriqīn’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 75.

308 A major city in eastern Anatolia, on the river of the same name (Ε2, art. ‘Bidlīs’).

309 Hulwān, an ancient town which was situated near the entrance to the Paytak Pass through the Zagros range, in the western Jībāl region (Ε2, art. ‘Hulwān’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Jībāl, label no. 28.

310 One of the important towns of medieval Tabaristan (Ε2, art. ‘Māzandarān’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam, label no. 18.

311 Āmul (modern Āmol), in Tabaristan, south of the Caspian Sea (Ε2, art. ‘Āmul’). See Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam, label no. 19.

312 Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam, label no. 21; Cornu 1985, 141.

313 Possibly Rasht, the commercial centre of Gilan near the southern coast of the Caspian. However, the city is not mentioned by other geographers of the Balkhi school (Ε2, art. ‘Rašht’).

314 The old capital of Azerbaijan, modern Marāgheh, east of Lake Urmīyāh (Ε2, art. ‘Marāgha’).

315 Unidentified. Located here on an itinerary from al-Marāghah to Urmīyāh, and therefore should be south of Lake Urmīyāh.

316 Possibly al-Marj, modern Kirand, in the Jībāl (Cornu 1985, 42). However, here it is located on an itinerary from al-Marāghah to Urmīyāh, and therefore should be south of Lake Urmīyāh.

317 Urmīyāh (modern Orūmīyeh), west of Lake Urmia (Ε2, art. ‘Urmīyā’).

318 Dabīl, or Dvin, formerly an important town in Armenia (Ε2, art. ‘Dvin’). An itinerary from al-Marāghah to Dabīl, through Urmīyāh, is given in Ibn Hawqal 1938, 353.

319 Unidentified locality in Armenia.

320 A repetition of label no. 365.
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[373] al-Mil [= al-Jil] (Gīlān)
[374] Urmīyāh
[375] al-Daylām
[376] Sā′īdah [= Sāghirah]
[377] ‘Ammūriyah
[378] Antālāyā (Antalya)
[379] Kharshayah [= Kharshānāh]
[380] Samīdū [= Samandī]
[381] R-ṣ
[382] A-r-s (Arrān ?)
[383] al-Duʿaǰā (?)
[384] al-Dījlah (The River Tigris)
[385] al-Maʿarā (?)
[386] Wādī S-q-w-r-h (?)
[387] al-M-t-y-h [= Malatyah] (Malatya)

[388] A-l-t-r-h [= Zībṭarāḥ]
[389] D-r(…)wān (?)
[390] K-sh-t-w-m [= Kaysūm]
[391] Jurjānah
[392] Harrān
[393] Halab (Aleppo)
[394] Ḥims (Homs).
[395] al-Futūnāh (?)
[396] Antālāyā (Antalya)
[397] al-Q-y-f
[398] H-r-s-y-q [= Satarbalīn ?]
[399] Dayr al-Qilāʾ [= Dhū al-Qilāʾ]
[400] Jazīrat al-jawhar (The Island of the Jewel), and its mountain surrounds it like a basket (ka-al-safat)

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333 Zibṭarāḥ, in the northern parts of upper Mesopotamia, on an itinerary from Marʿash (modern Murās) to Malatya (EP, art. ‘Marʿash’). See Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 42.

334 Unidentified, on an itinerary between Malatya and Harrān.

335 Kaysūm, modern Keysun, to the south-west of Adıyaman in south-eastern Anatolia (EP, art. ‘Naṣr b. Shabath’). Here indicated on itinerary between Malatya and Harrān. See Ibn Khurraḍḫādhib’s 1889, 97.

336 Unidentified locality, on itinerary between Malatya and Harrān.

337 See EP, art. ‘Harrān’; Ibn Hawqal’s map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 54.

338 Unidentified locality, east or south of Homs.

339 Antalya (Byzantine Attaleia) also appears again further to the north on the Mediterranean coast (label no. 578); and is here incorrectly positioned on the Syrian coast. One could also read Antākiyā (Antioch), which would be correctly positioned.

340 Possibly Ephesus (אפּוּס), on the western coasts of Anatolia, which Ibn Hawqal wrongly locates between Antalya and Dhū al-Qilā’ in his map of Mediterranean (Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 63).

341 Possibly Satarbalīn (?), a Byzantine coastal town located by Ibn Hawqal between Antalya and the fort of Dhū al-Qilā’ in Cappadocia (Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 61). The fort of Dhū al-Qilā’, also written as Dhū al-Kilā’, in Cappadocia. Ibn Khurraḍḫādhib gives its Greek name as Τάνατος (Τάνατος), meaning (that which is close to the star). See Ibn Khurraḍḫādhib’s 1889, 108; Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 39.

342 An island distinctive to al-Khwārazmī, which is mentioned in the text of his work and is illustrated on one of his maps (Khwārazmī 1926, 43 and Tafel I); the illustration is reproduced in Harley & Woodward 1990, 105. It is a non-Ptolemaic island that, according to the illustration in al-Khwārazmī, lies close to the equator and is surrounded by the Sea of Darkness (al-bahr al-muẓīm) and a nearly encircling mountain range. Al-Khwārazmī used the name Jazīrat al-Yāqūt (Island of Corundum) in the text and Jazīrat al-jawhar (Island of the Jewel) in the illustrations.

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331 A repetition of label no. 368.

332 A locality in Anatolia. See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 129; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 165; Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 54.

333 Arabic form of Amurion in Phrygia, a Byzantine stronghold on the main road between Constantiople and Cilicia (EP, art. ‘Ammūriyah’). The corresponding Tamādiyāh (تماديدية) in Ibn Hawqal’s map of the Mediterranean, label no. 72, is almost certainly a mistake for ‘Ammūriyah.

334 Attaleia (Antalya), on southern coasts of Anatolia.

335 A town in Cappadocia, on the upper affluents of the Euphrates (EP, art. ‘al-Furāṭ’). See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 195; Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 47.

336 A fort in central Anatolia, on the banks of the River Sayhān (Saros). The site is called in the modern period Zamanti (see EP, art. Sayhān’). See Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 45.

337 Possibly indicating Nahr al-Rass (Rūd-e Aras, River Araxes), the blue river flowing under this label towards the Caspian (EP, art. ‘al-Rass’).

338 A locality and district in Transcaucasia (EP, art. ‘Arrān’).

339 Unidentified locality, on an itinerary north of Malatya in south-eastern Anatolia.

340 Unidentified.

341 Unidentified locality, on an itinerary north of Malatya in south-east Anatolia. Ibn Hawqal notes a Wādī al-Baqar and a Wādī al-Hijārāh on an itinerary between Malatya and Samandī (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 197).

342 Classical Melitene; a frontier fortress in al-Jazīrah, to the west of the Euphrates (EP, art. ‘Malatya’). See Ibn Hawqal’s map of Mediterranean, label no. 24.
The first clime, called Ḍiyāmāris (= Gk. διά Μερός or διά Μερόης);² It begins near the Land of the Scorching Heat.³ Its zodiacal sign is Sagittarius, and its planet is Jupiter. This is the clime of India and Far China. It starts in the East and ends in the West, spanning 180 degrees of longitude. Its width, from the vicinity of the Land of the Scorching Heat [the equator in Africa] to Sarandīb (Sri Lanka), is 28⁵ farsakshs.

Its inhabitants are the people of Far China. These people go around naked like animals, and have frightful appearances, repulsive colours, deformed bodies, sparse beards and masculine women. But they possess knowledge of incantations and omens, live long lives, and are skilful in applying herbs and minerals. In their clime one finds animals with huge bodies, and enormous birds with frightful bodies compounded from these beasts,⁴ as well as elephants, dragons, wild beasts and snakes of terrible forms, giraffes,⁵ and various types [of animals].⁶ It is said that the phoenix⁷ is to be found in their lands. They know how to benefit from curative poisons and vipers’ bites.

There are nineteen mountains in their clime, including the mountain of Sarandib (Sri Lanka), which is 260-odd miles long,⁸ and the mountain surrounding the Island of the Corundum⁹ whose shape is round like a basket, as is shown.¹⁰ There are twenty-two rivers and springs in this clime, including a spring with no outlet near the city known as Manbis (Menabis).¹¹

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¹ This chapter is found in MS A, MS D, and MS B. In both MS D and MS B it is called the 'second fast'. The version of this chapter in MS D includes, on the margins, additional passages consisting of lists of major cities arranged according to clime. MS B incorporates these lists into the text of the chapter. The chapter as a whole is not in MS M, which is otherwise close to MS B. The chapter has close parallels in Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 5–6 and Agapius 1912, 23–28.

² The Greek names, literally, 'through Meroë'. For those who defined climes in terms of the length of the longest day at the midpoint of a clime, the first clime was bounded in the South by the equator and in the North by a line passing through Meroë in Egypt (roughly 16° 25'). For the Greek names for the seven climes, see Honigmann 1929; Dicks 1955. Ibn al-Faqīh (p. 289/902) says that the Greek (yānāwī) name of the clime is Ṭīwārīyās, which De Goeje incorrectly interprets as a corrupt form of the Greek ἀρωματοφόρος, meaning 'spice-bearing' (Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 55). See also Ibn al-Faqīh 1973, 7. A common Arabic form of the Greek name was mārūyī (Hamdānī 1974, 32).

³ That is, the area in Africa near the equator. This same label appears on the preceding Rectangular World Map of Chapter Two, beneath the source of the River Nile (label no. 176). Yāqūt (d. 626/1229) says that, following inquiries by Ptolemy, the south-west quadrant of the world was called the quadrant of Scorching Heat (al-muḥtaraq or al-muḥtariq); see Yāqūt 1866, 1218.

⁴ Agapius 1912, 24: من ذلك الطيور طيور عابرة من الجيران كالعناق (Some of these birds are birds compounded with the bodies of beasts, such as the ostrich, the giraffe, and the phoenix). Aristotle proposed that this occurs because in hot climates diverse animals had to come together at the scarce waterholes, where they mated and produced strange hybrid forms; see Romm 1992.

⁵ A giraffe (zārāfah) was thought to be a cross between a wild species of camel and a bovine or feline (EP, 'Zarafa').

⁶ This account of the first clime is closely related to the slightly more condensed account in Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 54–56. The remainder of the account of the first clime is not in the extant copy of Ibn al-Faqīh, but continues in Agapius 1912, 24–25.

⁷ The ‘anqā’ is a fabulous bird approximating to the phoenix, which Greek writers associated with Arabia; in Islamic writings it came to be assimilated with the simurgh (EP: ‘Anqa’).

⁸ The intention is length rather than height, as is explained in a parallel passage in the Epistles of the Brethren of Purity (Rasīllī 1924, 1185). The text can also be translated as ‘its longitude is some 260 miles’, as the Arabic ħal can mean longitude as well as height or length.

⁹ Baḥr al-Yāqūt (Sea of the Comoros) must be an error for for Jarzat al-Yāqūt, which al-Khwārazmī gives as surrounded by a mountain and places in the first clime and illustrates (Khwārazmī 1926 Tafel 1). In his text, Khwārazmī (1926, 424) calls the island ‘al-Yāqūt’, while in the label on the illustration, Tafel 1 he calls it Jarzat al-jawhar, which is what it is called on the Rectangular World Map (label no. 400) in Chapter Two. The reference here to a map parallels a similar reference to a map of the Island of the Jewel by Khwārazmī (Khwārazmī 1926, 5, and Tafel 1). It is unclear whether the author is merely copying the text directly from al-Khwārazmī, or referring to the rectangular world map in the preceding folios, where the island is also illustrated with a similar reference to a 'basket'-shape (label no. 400).

¹⁰ For the Greek original form, see Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 227. Both Khwārazmī and Suhrāb locate the city at 68° 30′ E 15° 30′ N, in keeping with the coordinates of the first clime (Khwārazmī 1926, 5, and Suhrāb 1930, 13).
The second clime. Its Byzantine name is Diāstānos (= διά Συήνης), and Ptolemy called it Irāwis [?]. This is the abode of the Ethiopians. In this clime the length of the longest day is thirteen and one-half hours.

Its zodiacal sign is Capricorn and its planet is Saturn. In expanse, it spans from the land of Sarandib to the land of the Ethiopians. It consists of mines of gold, gems, emeralds and pearls. Its inhabitants are the peoples of Near China, India, [the island of] al-Rāmī, and Sind.

One finds there poisonous vermin and huge wild beasts, but not as powerful and large as in the first clime. The appearances of its inhabitants are not as frightful as those of the preceding clime. Its people too possess knowledge of healing treatments and incantations, as well as of minerals and compound remedies, but they do not live as long.

There are twenty-five mountains in this clime, including the mountain of Kirmān, which is 390 odd miles long. There are flowing rivers and springs in this clime.

The third clime. Its name is Alexandria, and Ptolemy called it the clime of Egypt. Its zodiacal sign is Scorpion, and its planet is Mars. This clime begins in Near China and ends in Alexandria. From West to East, it stretches from the northern lands of Egypt from the direction of x-s-a-s (?), through the lands of Isfahan, al-Rayy and Maysān up to the boundaries of (SPACE). It includes Ifriqiya (Tunisia), Barqah (Barca) and Alexandria.

Its inhabitants strive to obtain culture and books, and possess knowledge of the universe and inquire into the natural sciences. They seek culture and the sciences and are singularly perceptive. They are smarter than the people of the previous two climes due to the superior constitution of this clime.

In this clime there are thirty-one mountains, twenty-six large springs, one river, and one lake.

The fourth clime. Its Byzantine name is Rhodes (Rūdūs), and Ptolemy called it Rāwadīs (= δία 'Ρόδου). The hours [of the longest day] are fourteen and one-half hours. The localities in this clime include al-Madāʿīn, al-Sawād, Ubullah, al-Jazīrah (Upper Mesopotamia), and Babylon. Its zodiacal sign is Gemini and [its planet is] Mercury. It begins in the land of al-Asfān (Hispania), touches on the northern part of Ifriqiya, Sicily, the coastal lands of Agrātī (Crete ?), Athibās (Thebes) and the Oasis in the lands of the Greeks and Cyprus.

This clime is the middle of the [inhabited] world and has the best constitution and disposition. Its inhabitants are people of intelligence, philosophy, reason, exact sciences, culture and character. They are concerned with the nature of things, the essences, the natural elements, and the mind. They have understanding of books and of the wonders of the ten sciences. They are more learned than the

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12 On the distinction between rūmiyah, contemporary Byzantine Greek, and yūnānī, meaning ancient Greek, see EP, art. 'Yūnān', in this chapter, only the seventh clime is given its yūnānī name, while most others have the rūmi (Byzantine) name followed by the name given by Ptolemy.

13 Literally, 'through Syene', modern Aswan in Egypt, which Greek writers assumed lay on the Tropic of Cancer. At the midpoint of this clime the length of the longest day is 13 ½ hours. Compare Hamdānī 1974, 21, 31; suwaynī.

14 Agapius 1910, 5607: 'the second climate is called in Greek διάστανος (cited in Tolmacheva 1996, 432); Agapius 1912, 23: 'the second climate is called in Byzantine Greek Diastanos, and is the land of Delos'.

15 Arabic hawānm. This is a comprehensive term for any creature that has a poisonous bite, including insects, scorpions, and reptiles. It occurs frequently on magic-medical bowls and amulets (see Maddison & Savage-Smith 1997, 179 nt. 20 and 125 nt. 5).

16 This account of the second clime is a condensed version of Agapius 1912, 25: and is closely related to the slightly shorter account in Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 6, 6–30. The remainder of the account of the clime, dealing with mountains and springs, is not in Agapius or Ibn al-Faqih.

17 Text completed by MS B and MS D.

18 Reading Ysā or Miyās, this is possibly Issos, the Greek name for the Gulf of Iskenderun (Alexandretta) on the south-eastern coast of Anatolia, mentioned by Ptolemy; see Berggren & Jones 2000, 173. However, the variants in Ibn al-Faqīh and Agapius suggest it may be a mistake for Sind.

19 Correction of the corrupt al-rūmīsān (in all manuscripts) from Agapius 1912, 25: Maysān is a region along the lower Tigris River in south-eastern Iraq (EP, art. 'Maysān'). See also the list of localities in Hamdānī 1974, 13.

20 To the boundary of Alexandria. Agapius 1912, 25: 'the island known as Rhodes'.

21 This account of the third clime is a condensed version of Agapius 1912, 25: and is closely related to the slightly shorter account in Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 6, 6–30. The remainder of the account of the clime, dealing with mountains and springs, is not in Agapius or Ibn al-Faqih.

22 Hamdānī 1974, 32: 'The island known as Rhodes'.

23 In all manuscripts, the text has incorrectly the daylight hours appropriate to the third clime.

24 The standard Arabic name for the island of Crete is Iqritish, but early Islamic literature preserves variants such as Iqrītiyya (Ibn Rustah) and Qrātimī (al-Battānī). See EP, art. 'Irkītish'; Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 32.

25 Arabic: a-ʃ-a-s-s (in all manuscripts). Ptolemy twice mentions an oasis immediately after Thebes while describing the inhabited parts of the south-west quadrant in the Tetrabiblos (Ptolemy 1940, 153–7). The same pair of Thebes and the Oasis appears in the Arabic adaptation of the Tetrabiblos in Hamdānī 1974, 50, 51. Compare also the list of localities of the fourth clime in Hamdānī 1974, 14.
people of the third clime due to the refinement of intellect and the balance of temperaments with which they were uniquely blessed.26

There are twenty-four mountains in this clime, including the Mountain of Snow27 in Damascus, which is 83 miles long; the Mountain of Sanir,28 which is 140 miles long; the Mountain of al-Lukkām (Amanus), which is 100 miles long; and a mountain near Ḥulwān, which is 115 miles long; a mountain near the mountain of Hamadan, which is 40 miles long; and the mountain that runs through Amid,29 which is 800 miles long.

There are twenty-four rivers and one spring without outlet, the Dead Sea, which is 16 miles in size. In it is the Lake of Tiberias, which is 33 miles in size. There is a river passing through the Mountain of Snow in Damascus, and then through Antiakiyah (Antioch), and this river is known as the Inverse (River Orontes). [There is also] a river that runs from a mountain by Iṣṭakhr30 and then flows into the sea near Sirāf, and a river that runs from a spring in the East, forming a marsh (batībah) of 73 miles, then cuts through Madinat al-Ṣin (‘the City of China’)31 and flows into the sea.

The fifth clime. Its Byzantine name is Biqulus [Bunṭūs] (Picolos Pontus)32 and Ptolemy called it Alisbuntūs (Helleespontus). [The length of the longest day is] fifteen hours. It contains the cities of Constantinople, ‘Ammūriyah, and Rome. Its zodiacal sign is Aquarius and its planet is the Moon. Al-Andalus is also in this clime.

Its inhabitants are of reddish-blond complexion, and are lustful, lecherous, fanatic, stupid, rough and dim-witted. They are not without culture, and they try to gain knowledge through their books. However, they are less intelligent and wise than the people of the fourth clime.33

There are twenty-nine mountains in this clime, including the Mountains of Ḥārith and Ḥuwayrith (Great Ararat and Lesser Ararat), each of them being 33 miles long; the mountain between Mosul and Shahrazur, which is 145 miles long; and the adjacent mountain in the direction of Dinawand (Damāwand),34 between Qazwin [and al-Rayy], which is 78 miles long; the Mountain of Tābaristān, between Niṣābūr (Nishapur) and Jurjān, which is 440 miles long.

There are fifteen rivers in this clime, including the Tigris, which is 500 miles long; and the Lesser and Greater Mihrān (River Indus). There is also a spring that has its source in the Mountains of Ḥārith and Ḥuwayrith. Its size is 16 miles and it stretches for 90 miles. There is also the (River) Oxus, which is 300 miles long.35

The sixth clime. Its Byzantine name is Māsūbūntūs (= Mézos Πόντος).36 Its zodiacal sign is Cancer and its planet is Mars. The inhabitants of this clime are the Burjān37 and the Slavs. In one part of this clime there are cities where only women live, without men. These women are known in Greek as Amazons, that is those who amputate their right breast and cauterize it so it would not prevent them from waging war and going into battle. They are also called the ẖarūrīyāt38 because s-m-r-y-s39 fight them. They kill off their male sons, and for this reason they rear only females. But every year they go

26 This account of the fourth clime is a condensed version of the much longer account in Agapius 1912, 25–26.
27 Compare al-Khwārazmī 1926, 50, where the same expression is used.
28 Jabal Sanir is the mountain range around Damascus that is listed by al-Khwārazmī amongst the mountains of the fourth clime (Khwārazmī 1926, 50). See also Suhrāb 1930, 96; Ibn Khuradadbidhi 1889, 77; Qudamāh 1889, 232; Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 105.
29 Unlike the other mountains in the text, this mountain is not mentioned in either al-Khwārazmī or Suhrāb. Amid was the capital of the province of Diyar Bakr (the northern portion of al-Jazirah, that is, the upper basin of the Tigris), and is today known by the name of the surrounding province. (EP, ‘Diyar Bakr’).
30 The passage here is strikingly similar to al-Khwārazmī 1926, 2529–30.
31 Madinat al-Ṣin for (the capital of ?) China appears also in al-Khwārazmī (1926, 111) and Suhrāb (1930, 20). See also Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 91. But al-Khwārazmī lists it amongst the cities of the second clime, whereas our author is here discussing the fourth clime.
32 From the Greek, ‘the Small Sea’ (the Sea of Marmara).
33 This is a condensed version of the account of the fifth clime in Agapius 1912, 25.
34 Damāwand or Danbāwand is the highest point in the mountains on the borders of northern Persia (EP, ‘Damāwand’).
35 The River Oxus is discussed in more detail in the seventh clime below, where its length is given as 470 miles.
36 From Greek, ‘the middle of the [Black] Sea’. Cf. Hamdānī 1974, 32: مسطاط البحر (the middle of the Pontus Sea).
37 The term Burjān is usually the Arabic term for the Bulghar tribes who left the south Russian steppes (near Azov Sea and in Caucasus) for the Balkans and the Danube and then assimilated with the Slavonic tribes (EP, art. ‘Bulghur’). Here, however, the Burjān are to be identified with the classical Gargarians, who, in the classical accounts of the Amazons, have the same role of impregnating the Amazons as in our text (see below).
38 The meaning of this term, which is repeated in all manuscripts and in Agapius, is unclear in this context. In medieval Islamic literature, the epithet ẖarūrī applies to any follower of those supporters of ‘Ali who assembled in the town of ẖarūr’ near Kufa to declare their opposition to the arbitration offered by Mu‘āwiyah (the first Umayyad caliph). These were the first Kharijites (EP, art. ‘Harīr’).
39 Or s-m-r-y-s, following Agapius. Meaning unclear.
out all at once towards the border of their lands\textsuperscript{40} with the lands of the Burjān, where the Burjān men have sexual intercourse with them, as a result of which they become pregnant.\textsuperscript{41} Then they return to their dwelling places, set to wage war again. The Amazons are well known, and no scholar denies their existence.\textsuperscript{42}

The inhabitants of this clime are inclined to war, bloodshed, ruthlessness and oppression, and for this reason are known as Slavs (Ṣaqālībah). They have neither culture nor science.\textsuperscript{43}

There are twenty-four mountains in this clime, including Jabal al-Zahrah (Mount of Venus) near the coast, which is 284 miles long and is the site of the Temple of Venus.\textsuperscript{44}

There are twenty-six rivers in this clime, including the Euphrates, which is 735 miles long; and the river known as Ṭūr (River Kur), which flows from West to East—it is 700 miles long, passing between the two seas [the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea] and Jurzān (Gurgistan), then through Armenia and Bardha‘a (Bārdā). There is one spring without outlet in this clime.

The seventh clime. Its Greek name is Bāristhānīs (Βαροσθήνης) and Ptolemy called it Barūsthinās (River Borysthenes, or Don). Its zodiacal sign is Libra and its planet is the sun. Its inhabitants are the people who are called the nūmīdis (nomads), meaning ‘the weary’.\textsuperscript{45} They are people of weak constitution, due to the extreme coldness. [This coldness] is a result of their proximity to the North and the uninhabited places, as in their lands the stars of the Banāt na‘sh\textsuperscript{46} revolve near the zenith. Because of the extreme cold, their beasts of burden and their animals are very small, and their cattle have no horns. There are no vermin in their lands. They cannot build their houses with bricks or stone, so their houses are built with wooden planks, which they load on wagons and drag by oxen. They travel in this way day and night, camping wherever they can find pasture for their animals.\textsuperscript{47} They lead a wretched life, in the worst condition of lowly livelihood. When a serious disease besets them, they mount their sick on wagons, put women’s clothes on men and men’s clothes on women, and then they recover from their illness.\textsuperscript{48}

There are twenty-four mountains in this clime, including the Mountain of Gog and Magog, known also as the Muḥīṭ (the Encompassing), which is 900 miles long.\textsuperscript{49}

There are twenty-eight rivers, including the Oxus, which is 470-odd miles long, and extends 1,100 miles from its origins to its end;\textsuperscript{50} another river that runs

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\item[40] MS A, D and B: ‘land of H-r-m-z-z’k’. Correction from Agapius 1912, 277.
\item[41] Strabo (d. c. AD 24) reported that the Amazons have two special months, during which they go up to the neighbouring mountain on the border with the Gargarians, and mate with Gargarian men. Having impregnated them, the Gargarians send the Amazons away (Tyrrell 1984, 54; Blok 1994, 91). Jean-Charles Ducène has argued that the account of the Amazons in the Book of Curiosities is derived from a translation of the Hippocratic treatise \textit{Airs, Waters and Places}, although the evidence seems inconclusive (Ducène 2011).
\item[42] Early authors also place the Amazons in the sixth clime. See Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 6 (a very condensed version); Hamdānī 1974, 45, 47 (in his adaptation of Ptolemy’s \textit{Tetrabiblos}); Miquel 1967, 2:494.
\item[43] This is a slightly shorter version of the account of the sixth clime in Agapius 1912, 27.
\item[44] The \textit{Haykal al-Zahrah} (modern Port Vendres in France) was said to mark the easternmost limit of al-Andalus, and is mentioned by al-Khwārazmī and Suhrawāb (Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 127).
\item[45] The people who are called in Byzantine Greek \textit{nūmīdis}, meaning the languid. Compare Hippocrates 888, 77 (no. 93): ‘There live the Scythians who are called Nomads’. The claim here appears to be that the Greek word \textit{νυσθός} (plural \textit{νυσθός}) had the meaning of ‘tiredness’.
\item[46] Three stars (including the Pole Star) in Ursa Minor and three stars in Ursa Major; see the Glossary of Star Names.
\item[47] This account of the seventh clime is closely related to the condensed account in Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 64-18. The remainder of the account of the seventh clime is not in the extant copy of Ibn al-Faqih. Compare the Greek text of the Hippocratic treatise \textit{On airs, waters, and places}, which reads: ‘Here live the Scythians who are called nomads because they do not live in houses but in wagons. The lighter wagons have four wheels but some have six, and they are fenced about with felt. They are built like houses, some with two divisions and some with three, and they are proof against rain, snow and wind. The wagons are drawn by two or three yokes of hornless oxen; hornless because of the cold. The women live in these wagons while the men ride on horseback, and they are followed by what herds they have, oxen and horses. They stay in the same place as long as there is enough grass for the animals but as soon as it fails they move to fresh ground.’ (translation of J. Chadwick and W. N. Mann in Hippocrates 1950, 163 sect. 18; see also the translation by W. H. Jones in Hippocrates 1923, 19 sect. 18). This passage is not found in the published Arabic translations of this Hippocratic treatise.
\item[48] This is a condensed version of the account of the seventh clime in Agapius 1912, 27–28.
\item[49] The location of the Mountain of Gog and Magog does not conform to the text of al-Khwārazmī, who situates the Mountains of Gog and Magog to the north of the seventh clime (al-Khwārazmī 1926, 64). The lands of God and Magog are placed by different authors anywhere in the fifth through seventh clime or outside the seventh clime (Eρ’, art. ‘Yahudiya-Magidūd’).
\item[50] The author gives here two measurements for the length of the Oxus. The first number (470-odd) may be derived from longitude coordinates of the Oxus, which the author mistook to be measurements of length. The second number, 1,100 miles,
from the river of Balkh, begins in the West and then flows into the sea, which is 417 miles long; and a huge river, which is 2,630 miles long, has 13 tributary rivers, and draws upon the waters of springs and mountains; and a river with two tributaries, which is 2,300 miles long, that flows in the Lands of Gog and Magog.

In the regions south of the Equator there are nine adjoining mountains, 400 to 500 [miles] long; another mountain, which is 900 miles long; and the Mountain of the Moon, which is 1,000 miles long, and situated partly in the first clime and partly beyond the equator, and is the source of the Nile which gushes out and branches out from it.

As for the lands beyond 63 degrees of latitude [North], they are not called a clime. In the northern parts, beyond the inhabited world, the length of the day increases to 21 and 22 hours, until it reaches 24 hours, when the light of the day remains until it gives way to darkness, so the night there lasts six months and the day six months.

As for the rivers that flow in the islands, and especially in [the islands of] the Green Sea [Atlantic], there are eight large rivers, and a total of seventy rivers. These include twelve rivers in the island of Thule, fourteen rivers in the island of L-w-x-y-H, and five rivers and one marsh, extending over 33 miles, in the island of Scandia [Scandinavia]. There are also three rivers in the women’s island of *Imyānūs*. Ptolemy and others have said that only women are found on this island. These women conceive from a wind that blows at fixed times each year, and they give birth to daughters only. In the men’s island of *Imrānūs*, where there are no women, there are thirty-six rivers and one marsh.

The total number of the out-flowing rivers of world is 258.

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51 See above Book Two, chapter One, where the Green Sea is clearly the Atlantic, since the westernmost islands are located there. Here, again, the Atlantic is probably meant.

52 For a list of the rivers in Thule, compare Khwārazmī 1926, 151–153.

53 Compare Khwārazmī 1926, 150–151 (أُمَم).

54 Khwārazmī 1926, 88 (no. 1360): مَعَظِمْيَة. In ancient geography Scandia (or Scandinavia) was thought to be an island (Smith 1854, 2: 927, art. Scandia).


56 MS D and B: *Imrānūs*. Khwārazmī 1926, 154: اَمَرَّوس.

57 The number of rivers in the two islands conform to those given by al-Khwārazmī (1926, 154ff.) The name of both islands is sometimes given as Armīyānūs. See Miquel 1967, 248; Malti-Douglas 1991, 93; Ducène 2011. According to the anonymous author of *Hudūd al-ʿĀlam*, the Island of Men and the Island of Women are to be found in the Western Ocean. On the former the inhabitants are all men, and on the latter women. Each year they come together for four nights for procreation, and when the boys reach the age of three they send them to the island of Men. He also mentions that on the Island of Men there are 36 large rivers, while on the island of women there are three (*Hudūd* 1970, 58–9).

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probably represents the estimate of the length of the river in early Islamic sources.
The Arabian Peninsula stretches from al-Qādisiyah to Ḥaḍramawt, and the Arabs have called it Tihāmah, the Ḥijāz, Najd and al-ʿArūḍ. Tihāmah is [the part of the Peninsula] where the rivers flow to the sea, and its torrents gush from the Yemeni mountains. The Ḥijāz is the land separating al-Yamāmah and Najd, and that between the Yemen and Najd. It is called Ḥijāz because it separates (ḥajaza) Najd and al-ʿArūḍ. Najd is the plains and the lower grounds, where torrential streams flow to the East. Al-ʿArūḍ is adjacent to Najd, in the direction of al-Yamāmah and al-Baḥrayn. Others have said that the Ḥijāz is so called because it separates al-Ghawr, literally the lower part, and Najd, literally the upper part. The areas beyond the mountain towards the sea coasts, including the lands of the [tribes of] the Ashʿar, the ʿAkk, the Kinānah and others, up to Dhāt ʿIrq and al-Juḥfah, and any adjoining area which forms a topographical depression (ghawr), are all called Ghawr Tihāmah. The deserts to the East of the mountain, up to the edges of Iraq and al-Samāwah, are all called Najd.

The Yemen is so called because it lies to the right (yamīn) of the Kaʿbah, while al-Shām (Syria) is so called because it lies to the left (shimāl) of the Kaʿbah. Iraq is so called because the waters of the rivers Tigris, Euphrates and the other rivers all flow into it, so it is like the bottom (ʿirāq) of a bucket. Others have said that when [humanity] was broken up into many languages in Babylon, some went southwards, to the right of the sun, the side of prosperity and luck; while others chose the side of evil omen (shaʿm), and were branded with that name. Others have said that al-Shām is called after Šem (Shem), son of Noah, may the Peace of God be upon him, because he was the first to settle there. When the Arabs inhabited the area, they thought it a bad omen to say Šem, and pronounced it Šam instead. Yet others have said that the name Šam comes from red, black and white soil in that area, and that Šem never settled there, while the Yemen is named after Yaman, son of Yuqṭan, son of Ghābir, for the Arabs say [the clan of] Yuqṭan turned to the right (tayāmanat) [after separating from other Arabs].

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1 This chapter is preserved only in MS A and MS D; in the latter copy it is called the ‘third fasl’.
2 The author is defining the peninsula as extending from (in the North) al-Qādisiyah to Ḥadramawt in the South. This area is then further demarcated by four districts: the lowlands along the Red Sea (al-Tihāmah and al-Ghawr), the interior uplands of Najd, the intervening area of the Ḥijāz in the northwestern part of the peninsula which includes the mountain barrier separating the coastal lowlands from the interior uplands, and al-ʿArūḍ.

3 Amongst the many meanings of the word ʿirāq is the piece of animal skin that is doubled and then sewn over the lower part of a leather water-bag so as to cover the punctures of the sutures in the water-bag and to strengthen the bottom (see Lane 1863, 2: 190–1 (nos. 991–992)). This is only one of many explanations that have been given over the years to explain the name of the country ʿirāq.

4 The account of the etymology of the place-names is based on Masʿūdī 1962, 2: 190–1 (nos. 991–992). See also Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 33; Yāqūt 1866, 3240; EF2, art. ‘Yaman’. 
God has divided Earth into regions, and made some regions higher and others lower; and He made the constitution of the inhabitants of each region to correspond with the nature of the region. Thus, the features and dispositions of the inhabitants of a land with a well-balanced air and little water correspond with and resemble the qualities of the land; while the constitution of the people of a land with an ill-balanced climate is correspondingly bad.

As for the cities of the extreme South: the waters there are plentiful and salty, hot in summer and cold in winter. The heads of their inhabitants are phlegmatic, their stomachs decayed and corrupted. In general their bodies are weak, flaccid and infirm, and they are inclined to anxiety, inactivity, and cowardice.2 Their women are sickly; as a result of their excessive menstruation. Their excessive hemorrhage also harms their children. The children suffer from asthma, spasms, the ‘sacred disease’ [epilepsy], and eczemas.3 They are, however, safe from the debilitating fever or the debilitating pleurisy.

As for the cities of the extreme North: they face cold winds. Their waters are dry, slow in concoction, sweet, unwholesome and not bright. The people have very fair complexion. Their legs are thin and emaciated, and their chests are wide in order to transform the coldness into heat. Because of the small amount of superfluities in their bellies, their limbs and bellies are solid and their heads hard and dry. They do not generally suffer from ophthalmia, but when they do, their eyes suppurate from the excessive coldness. They often live long lives, but they suffer from acute diseases. Their women are barren because of the coldness, dryness and slow dissolution of the water. When their women conceive, they give birth with difficulty. Their children suffer from dropsy of the testicles, and their puberty [is often delayed].

As for the cities facing the rising Sun: they are sheltered from cold and hot winds.5 Their waters are bright, radiating and pure, moist from the thickness of [the air] at dawn.6 The complexities of its people are beautifully balanced and the climate of their land causes few diseases.

As for the cities of the extreme West: they face the easterly winds, and the blowing of the hot and cold winds. This region is very bad and has many diseases on account of its unclean water. Because of the thickness of the air, dawn is greatly protracted. The people are yellow and sickly, as a result of their poor temperament and their imbalance due to their remoteness from the rising Sun. Their voices are hoarse.

Hippocrates mentions in the Book of Airs and Places7 that one of the reasons [for this] is that their

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1 Chapter Five is preserved in MS A and MS D; in the latter copy it is labelled the ‘fourth faṣl’. This chapter is an abridged adaptation of the section on four unnamed cities representing four climatic extremes in Hippocrates’ Airs, Waters and Places (Kitāb al-Ahwiyah wa-al-azminah wa-al-miyāh wa-al-buldān). See the Arabic translation of Hippocrates 1969, 15–46; the Arabic translation of Galen’s commentary on this Hippocratic treatise (Galen 2001, 13–34), and the Hebrew translation of Galen’s commentary (Galen 1982, 11–43). The author is not using directly the Arabic translation of the Hippocratic treatise, nor is he using the commentary by Galen (generally considered more commonly read that the Hippocratic treatises themselves), but rather appears to have employed someone else’s summary and condensation.

2 Arabic: al-waḥal wa-al-tadajjū ‘wa-al-fashāl, literally ‘fright and inactivity (or failure) and cowardice’. This sentence has no parallel in the Arabic version of the Hippocratic text, nor in the Arabic translation of Galen’s commentary (see Hippocrates 1969, 17–18; Galen 2001, 16). However, it is found in the Hebrew Galen: ‘renders them weak, lazy, liable to dislocation, frailty, fatigue and swellings’ (Galen 1982, 25).


5 Hippocrates 1969, 36: ‘Every city situated facing the rising sun is healthier than the city facing the Farqadayn [Pγ Ursae Minoris], and than that situated facing hot winds. Heat and cold in this city are less’.

6Compare Galen 1982, 39: ‘the waters that face the rising of the sun must be clear, bright, pure, moist, sweet-smelling and soft… And the explanation for this is that the moist air is thicker and harder at dawn’; and the English translation of the Greek Hippocratic text Airs, Waters, Places The early morning sunshine distils dew from the morning mist’ (Hippocrates 1959, 151 sect. 5).

7 The Hippocratic treatise was usually called ‘Airs, Waters, and Places’, or in Arabic Kitāb al-Ahwiyah wa-al-azminah wa-al-miyāh wa-al-buldān or sometimes Kitāb Buqrāṭ fī al-amrāḍ al-bilādiyah. It was under the latter title that the Arabic version was edited and translated by Mattock and Lyons (Hippocrates 1969). The following passage, however, is not found in their edition.
land is in the deep North, always facing the northern winds, while the southern winds are rare. The northern winds blow from high and lofty mountains, always covered with snow.

There are cities in the furthest lands of Armenia where people cannot go out for six months because of the snow. This happens when the Sun is in the southern portion of the ecliptic. During these six months many animals die, and birds remain in their nests for four months, and do not scatter.

The same holds true for the land of the Turks, where snow is plentiful. Their bodies are overcome with moisture, and the humours thicken in their bodies so that their joints are hidden by an abundance of flesh, their faces become round, and their red colouration increases due to the cold air, for the cold climate causes fever. As you can see, their bodies are fleshy, and their colouring is white with much redness in their lips, fingers and legs. The people of these regions are rough, unjust, ignorant, have no family solidarity, and are inclined to forgetfulness.

As for the scorching regions, which stink from the excessive heat, no animal or plant has any moisture there because of the intense heat. No stream is running there except the source of the Nile. As for the Sudanese and the Ethiopians, they are the inhabitants of the lands between the Circle of Aries [that is, the equator] and Tropic of Cancer. When the sun is rising and setting in this part of the ecliptic it is in the middle of the sky right above their heads. The air becomes hot, and burns them. Heat and dryness dominate in them. Their colour becomes black, their hair curly, their bodies lean and their disposition hot. The same is true for their beasts and trees.

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8 Bilād al-Turk. This description appears to be loosely related to a section on the Turks in the fourth chapter of the Hippocratic text (Hippocrates 1969, 141).

9 Compare a passage in the Hippocratic text which explains that white skin turns red in extreme coldness, as can be seen in the toes and fingers of youth and women (Hippocrates 1969, 145).

10 Coldness was generally considered by medieval physicians to be a cause of forgetfulness (see Ibn al-Jazzār 1995, 39).

11 The madār al-ḥaml, or the circle [of the beginning] of Aries, is another way of saying the equator. The term madār is usually used for any circle parallel with the celestial equator, but in this instance it must refer to the equator itself. See Savage-Smith 1985, 66.

12 The illustration on the lower half of fol. 26b, as well as its title, has been added by a later reader, probably in the 8th/14th century. It is an ‘inhabited’ scroll, in which some of the fruits are in the shape of animal heads. The locality of al-Hāwand is not mentioned in the text of the Book of Curiosities. The melon (baṭṭīkh), however, is mentioned at the end of Chapter Twenty-One of Book Two in reference to the diet of some peoples in India and in chapter Twenty-Three when describing the otherwise unknown Burlusi melon of Nubia.

13 The illustration occupying three-quarters of fol. 27a, as well as its title, has been added by a later reader, probably in the 8th/14th century. Both this illustration and the one on fol. 26b were placed in areas that the抄手 needed to leave blank at the end of the text of Chapter Five in order to accommodate the large circular world map that required two facing pages. Legendary islands in the Indian Ocean were known for trees bearing human fruits (EP, ‘Wāḳwāḳ’). Later on in the treatise, the trees and their fruit are discussed in Book Two, Chapter Twenty-Three. The islands are also indicated on the Circular World Map that follows immediately (labels no. 011 and 012), and on the map of the Indian Ocean (label no. 052) in Chapter Seven. Unlike some later representations of the tree, the wāqwāq tree is shown here growing on rock and with red branches. In medieval Islamic art, the wāqwāq-tree becomes inextricably confused with two other animal-vegetable hybrids, the talking tree and the ‘inhabited’ scroll, which are both commonly shown bearing fruits in the shape of animal and human heads. For a rather disappointing introduction to the iconography of ‘inhabited’ scrolls and the wāqwāq tree, see Baer 1965, 66–68.
[see fig. 2.4, p. 161, the Circular World Map, for numbers provided here in square brackets.]¹

[001] Jabal al-Qamar (The Mountain of the Moon) [27b–28a]
[002] al-Ṭabīḥah al-ṣuḥrāh (The smaller marsh)²
[003] al-Ṭabīḥah al-ṣuḥrāh (The smaller marsh)³
[004] al-Bahr al-mużīm al-gharbī (The Western dark sea)⁴
[005] al-Ṭabīḥah al-kubrā (The larger lake)⁵
[006] Deserts and sand beyond the equator⁶
[007] A river that flows into the Nile⁷
[008] Berbera⁸
[009] al-Zanj (The Zanjan)
[010] Sufāfalā (Sofāfa)⁹
[011] al-Wāqwāq (The Wāqwāq islands)
[012] al-Wāqwāq (The Wāqwāq islands)¹⁰
[013] Bilād Lamlam (The land of the Lamlam)¹¹
[014] [N]al-Ṣudān (The Nile of the Sudan)¹²
[015] Kānam (Kānem)¹³
[016] Jabal al-kathib (The mountain of the sand dune)¹⁴
[017] al-Tajrī [= al-Tājewīn]¹⁵
[018] al-Nābah (The Nubians)¹⁶
[019] Bilād Maqrī[āwah] (The land of the Maqrīwah)¹⁷
[020] al-Ḥabashah (The Ethiopians)¹⁸
[021] al-Yaman (Yemen)¹⁹
[022] Sarandīb (Sri Lanka)
[023] Jazīrat al-Qumr (Island of al-Qumr)²⁰
[024] Bilād (Ghānah) ? (Land [of Ghana ?])²¹
[025] Lamţah wa-Ṣanhāj (Lamţah and Ṣanhājah)²²
[026] Warglān (Wargla)²³

¹ Only copy A preserves this map. The circular world map is of a type well-known from other sources, and virtually identical versions of this circular world map are to be found in six copies of the treatise Nuzhat al-mushīqū fi ikhtirāq al-aḥiq (Entertainment for He Who Longs to Travel the World) composed in 549/1154 by al-Idrīsī for Roger II, the Norman king of Sicily. For examples of this type, see Mubāl Ahmad 1992, figs. 7.1–7.5 and 7.21. Another version is found in a manuscript of Ibn Khaldūn’s Muqaddamah, and was published and edited by Franz Rosenthal in Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:109–111 and frontispiece. Unless otherwise indicated, the labels on this map are found also in the other circular maps of this ‘Idrīsī’ type. On whether this circular world map was originally part of this manuscript copy and, by extension, part of the original treatise, see the editors’ Introduction, section iv.
² One of the two subsidiary lakes of the Nile.
³ One of the two subsidiary lakes of the Nile.
⁴ This label is not found on other circular world maps of the ‘Idrīsī’ tradition.
⁵ The single lake from which the Nile was thought to arise.
⁶ Compare the similar label in Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, no. 5.
⁷ This label is not found on other circular world maps of the ‘Idrīsī’ tradition.
⁸ The Barābrāh region on the northern coasts of modern Somalia (EP, art. ‘Barābra’).
⁹ Sofāfa, the principal port on the south-eastern African coast, in modern Mozambique, important in the gold trade from at least the tenth through the seventeenth century (EP, art. ‘Sofāfa’). See also label no. 034 on the Indian Ocean Map (Chapter Seven).
¹⁰ A repetition of the previous label.
¹² There is a cycle of geographical conceptions, going back to classical authors such as Pliny, which link up the western part of Africa with the river system of the Nile. This tradition was accepted and elaborated by Arab geographers, such as Ibn al-Faqih (fl. c. 906–907), who surmised that the origins of the Nile lie in western Africa (EP, art. ‘Nil’). See also label no. 017 on this map, labels nos. 111 and 173 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two), and label no. 007 on the map of the River Nile (Chapter Eighteen).
¹³ Kānam or Kanem, one of the most ancient kingdoms of Sahara Africa, today in modern Chad (EP, art. ‘Kanem’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 9.
¹⁴ The maps of the River Nile in the book of Curiosities depict a white sand dune in western Africa, supposedly a source of the western branch of the Nile. See also labels nos. 111 and 173 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two), and label no. 007 on the map of the Nile in Chapter Eighteen. This label is not found in the ‘Idrīsī-type world maps, even though they do show a western tributary of the Nile.
¹⁵ An area of the Sudan, possibly identical with the area occupied by the Zanj tribes of the Banū Tūjīn, who ruled the Wargla region of the Sahara until the 5th/11th century (EP, art. ‘Wargla’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 13.
¹⁷ A confederation of Berber tribes, forming the most powerful branch of the Zanjāt. Their territory extended over the Chelif in the north-western part of what is now Algeria (EP, art. ‘Maghāzah’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 8 (Maghāzah).
¹⁸ See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 15.
¹⁹ Label barely legible. Compare Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 34.
²⁰ The Arabic name for the Comoro Islands, a group of four islands in the Indian Ocean at the northern exit of the Mozambique Channel, halfway between East Africa and northern Madagascar (EP, art. ‘Kumr’).
²¹ This must be Ghānah, as it is labelled in this position on other circular world maps of the ‘Idrīsī’ tradition (Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 16). It was a medieval town in the western Sudan, now vanished. The site is probably in the present republic of Mauritania (EP, art. ‘Ghānah’).
²³ Conventionally Ouargla, an ancient oasis town of the Algerian Sahara (EP, art. ‘Wargla’).
[027] Qaswān [= Fazzān] (Fezzan)\textsuperscript{24}  
[028] Kawkaw (Gao)\textsuperscript{25}  
[029] Kawū\textsuperscript{26}  
[030] Waddān\textsuperscript{27}  
[031] al-Wāḥāt (The Oases)\textsuperscript{28}  
[032] al-Šaʿād (Upper Egypt)\textsuperscript{29}  
[033] al-Bujah (The Beja)\textsuperscript{30}  
[034] Bahr al-Qulzum (The Red Sea)\textsuperscript{31}  
[035] Najīd  
[036] al-Shīhr wa-ʿUmān (al-Shihr and Oman)\textsuperscript{32}  
[037] Makrān\textsuperscript{33}  
[038] al-Ṣīn (Sind)\textsuperscript{34}  
[039] al-Ḥind (India)  
[040] al-Ṣūs (China)\textsuperscript{35}  
[041] al-Sūs [= al-Sūs al-Aqṣā] (The furthest Sūs)\textsuperscript{36}  
[042] al-Maghrib al-aqṣā (the furthest part of the Maghrib)\textsuperscript{37}  
[043] Bilād Tanjih (The region of Tangiers)\textsuperscript{38}  
[044] Ifrīqiyah\textsuperscript{39}  
[045] Ard Tarūghah (Land of Tarūghah)\textsuperscript{40}  
[046] al-Jarīd\textsuperscript{41}  
[047] Sahārā Barniq (Deserts of Berenice)\textsuperscript{42}  
[048] Dīyah(r) Misr (Egypt)\textsuperscript{43}  

\textsuperscript{24} Fazzān (Fezzan), in the southern deserts of modern Libya (\textit{EP}, art. ‘Fazzān’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:120, label no. 24.  
\textsuperscript{25} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:120, label no. 11.  
\textsuperscript{27} The principal oasis in the Jufra Depression in the Libyan desert, within the borders of modern Libya (\textit{EP}, art. ‘Djufra’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:120, label no. 28.  
\textsuperscript{28} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 29.  
\textsuperscript{29} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 30.  
\textsuperscript{30} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 31.  
\textsuperscript{31} First word barely legible.  
\textsuperscript{32} The ports of al-Shihr and Oman, on the southern Arabian coasts (See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, labels nos. 38, 39).  
\textsuperscript{33} Makrān or Mukrān, the coastal region of Baluchistan on the Indian Ocean, west of Sind (\textit{EP}, art. ‘Makrān’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 40.  
\textsuperscript{34} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 41.  
\textsuperscript{35} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 52.  
\textsuperscript{36} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 18. See also label on. 101 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two).  
\textsuperscript{37} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 19.  
\textsuperscript{38} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 20.  
\textsuperscript{39} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 23. The name for the territories ruled from al-Qayrawān, Mahdiyah or Tunis, and corresponding to modern Tunisia (\textit{EP}, art. ‘Ifrikiya’).  
\textsuperscript{40} An unidentified region in the Maghreb, south of the Atlas Mountains. It is indicated also on other circular world maps of the ‘Idrīsī’ tradition (See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 22 [Darʾah]).  
\textsuperscript{41} Al-Jarīd (Djérid), a district of the Sahara situated in southwestern Tunisia (\textit{EP}, art. ‘Djārid’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 25.  
\textsuperscript{42} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 27.  
\textsuperscript{43} See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 30.  

[049] al-Shaʿm (Syria)\textsuperscript{44}  
[050] Bahr Fārs (Persian Gulf)  
[051] Fārs (Fars)\textsuperscript{45}  
[052] al-mafāzāh (The desert)\textsuperscript{46}  
[053] Khurāsān (Khorasan)\textsuperscript{47}  
[054] al-Tubbāt (Tibet)  
[055] al-Tughuz ṣahrā (?) [= al-Tughuzghuzz] (The Dokuz Oğuz)\textsuperscript{48}  
[056] Khirkhir (Kirghiz)\textsuperscript{49}  
[057] al-Andalus  
[058] Siqiliyyah (Sicily)  
[059] Iqrīṭish (Cretė)\textsuperscript{50}  
[060] Qubrus (Cyprus)\textsuperscript{51}  
[061] al-ʿIrāq (?) (Iraq)\textsuperscript{52}  
[062] Bahr al-j.rr [= al-Khazar] (The Caspian Sea)  
[063] al-Atlas [al-Bahlawiyyin] (The Pahlavis)\textsuperscript{53}  
[064] Daylam  
[065] Khwūrazm\textsuperscript{54}  
[066] al-Qadid (?)\textsuperscript{55}  
[067] Ilāq\textsuperscript{56}  
[068] al-ard al-mahfūrah (The Sunken Land)\textsuperscript{57}  
[069] Khadlūjīyah [= Kharlukhiyah] (The Kharlukh tribes)\textsuperscript{58}
The Kīmān (also written Kaymāk an Kimāk), a tribe of north-western Turks living in western Siberia in the early Islamic period (EI 2, art. ‘kimāk’). See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 79.

The Adriatic Sea; see Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 54.

The Adarid (also written Adaridah (?)). The ‘stinking land’ was thought to be the origin of the Volga River, and to lie to the west of the land of Gog and Magog (ibn Khaldūn 1985, 1:161).

Barely legible. The Alans were an Iranian people of the northern Caucasus (EI 2, art. ‘alān’). Other circular world maps of this type show in this position al-Baylaqān (نَبَلَقَانَة), a town in Armenia east of the Caspian Sea. See ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 64; EI 2, art. ‘Baylaḳān’.

The mountains associated with Gog and Magog and the barrier built by Alexander the Great are also illustrated on the Rectangular World Map in the Book of Curiosities (Chapter Two, Book Two). These mountains are not found on other circular world maps of this type. On these walls and their representation in medieval Islamic culture, see Zadeh 2011.

Compare Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 67 (Alans). See also label no. 076 above.

England is shown here as an island. It is not found on other world maps of this type. On the depiction of the British Isles by Arab geographers, see Beeston 1950.

Compare Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 71. The ‘Stinking Land’ was thought to be the origin of the Volga River, and to lie to the west of the land of Gog and Magog (Ibn Khaldūn 1985, 1:1361).

Compare Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 73.

England is shown here as an island. It is not found on other world maps of this type. On the depiction of the British Isles by Arab geographers, see Beeston 1950.

Balūniyah was a name given by medieval authors to Poland (EI 2, art. ‘Leh’).

Illegible.

The label Raslāndah, or laslāndah, appears on other world map of this type, and has been identified as either Scotland or Iceland (Beeston 1950).

See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 68.

See Ibn Khaldūn 1958, 1:110, label no. 69.

See also label no. 076 above.
Although it is impossible for created beings to know the extent of God’s creation, the knowledgeable and qualified among them are entrusted with witnessing or imparting a small part of it. We have only mentioned here what we have heard from trustworthy sailors, from which I selected and made my own judgments; and what had reached my ears from the wise merchants who traverse the seas, and from any ship captain who leads his men at sea. So from that, I have set forth what I have learned (khabartu bi-hi).

These sea maps are not accurate representations. When the seas swell and rise and the winds blow heavy, the abundant water inundates its shores. Commensurate with the propulsion of the force, these inlets of water may extend for many miles and even farsakhs. The people of the eastern seas call them aḵhwār (bays),\(^2\) while the people of the western seas call them jān (bay).\(^3\) Each of these inlets is very long, and some are wider than others, according to the will of their Creator.

A large mountain may happen to be in such a bay, or the bay may encircle a large city that then uses it for its defenses. Sometimes the lower parts of a region are inundated, and we have witnessed in our short lifetime wastelands and passable land over -

The lake of Tinnīs, on the other hand, used to be passable land until one night it was overcome by the sea from the direction of al-Ustūm (modern Port Said) and was covered with water. The lower parts were inundated, while the elevated parts, like Tinnīs, Tūnah and other places, remained [above the sea level].\(^7\)

Moreover, if the shape of the sea is reproduced accurately, on the basis of longitude and latitude coordinates, and any given sea is drawn in the manner described by Ptolemy in his book known as Geography, the [contour of the] sea would form curves in the coast (ʿatūf) and pointed gulfs (shābūrāt), square (murabbaʿāt) and concave headlands (taqwīrāt).\(^8\) This shape of the coast exists in reality, but, even if drawn by the most sensitive instrument, the cartographer (muhandis) would not be able to position [literally, ‘to build’] a city in its correct location amidst the curves in the coast (ʿatūf) or pointed gulfs (shawābīr) because of the limits of the space that would correspond to a vast area in the real world. That is why we have drawn this map in this way, so that everyone will be able to figure out [the name of] any city.

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\(^1\) Chapter Six is preserved in MS A as well as MS D; in the latter it is the fifth faṣl.

\(^2\) Aḵhwār is the plural of the Persian term khor.

\(^3\) Jān in the Arabic term for a bay or inlet (plural, ḥuwarān).

\(^4\) Abū al-Ḥasan ‘Alī ibn al-Ḥusayn al-Masʿūdī (d. 345/956), one of the major historians and universalist authors of the ‘Abbasid period (EP, art. ‘al-Masʿūdī’).

\(^5\) On Najaf as a former port city, see Masʿūdī 1962, 1:137–9 (nos. 229–232).

\(^6\) The Banū Qurrah, of the Judhām tribal confederacy, settled in the Buhayrah region near Alexandria during the early Fatimid period. They grew in numbers until they became a threat to the city and its environs. The Fatimid authorities waged several campaigns against them, eventually banishing them from the region in 443/1050–51 (See Maqrīzī 1961, 8–9, 12–13, 156–7; Maqrīzī 1971, 2:208–9; Ibn al-Athir 1865, 9:396–7. On earlier rebellions of the Banū Qurrah against the Fatimids, see also Lev 1990, 30, 150). This detail is significant for the dating of the treatise as a whole, suggesting it was written before AD 1050.

\(^7\) The same passage on the submersion of Tinnīs is in Masʿūdī 1962, 2:76 (no. 790). It is repeated elsewhere in the treatise in slightly different versions; see Book Two, Chapter Fourteen (on the city of Tinnīs) and in Chapter Seventeen (on the lakes of the world).

\(^8\) These were technical terms used by cartographers to describe the seas. The shābūrah, originally bread or cake, was a term indicating pointed and triangular-like gulfs. The guwārah, originally meaning a concave hole or cut, appears to have been a term for the shape representing a headland—that is, land penetrating the sea. The terms shābūrah and guwārah are also found on one of the four extant maps from al-Khwārazmī, that of the World Ocean (al-Behr al-Muṣṭūm). On this map, the shābūrah indicates narrow, pointed gulfs, as opposed to the wider gulfs called taylasān. The guwārah, on the other hand, designates peninsulas or capes protruding into the sea (Khwārazmī 1926, Tafel II; reproduced in Tibbetts 1992a, 106, fig. 4.9). These three terms also occur repeatedly in the text of Khwārazmī’s work. Moreover, in what seems to be the direct source for the passage here, al-Masʿūdī mentions the term shābūrah, together with the term taylasān and a few other terms, as indicating the form of coastlines in maps found in the Geography (Masʿūdī 1962, 1:102, no. 193; see translation in Szegvár 2000, 138). See the important discussion of these terms in Kahlouqi 2008a, 114 and 194. See also the references to these terms in al-Iḍrīsī and Abū al-Fidaʾ in Dozy 1882, 2:136b (ʿatf, sharp angle of a gulf or a river, after al-Iḍrīsī); and v. 7:20a.
THE SEVENTH CHAPTER ON THE CITIES AND FORTRESSES ALONG THE SHORES
[OF THE INDIAN OCEAN]

[see fig. 2.5, p. 156, for the Map of the Indian Ocean, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided here in square brackets]1

[001] The seventh chapter on the cities and fortresses along its shores

[002] jazīrat Kardanj wa-‘alayhi jabal (The island/peninsula of Kardanj which has a mountain)2

[003] jazīrat Šandarfūlāt (The island of Šandarfūlāt)3

[004] The island of Tiyumāh (Pulau Tioman). It has black people who engage in piracy4

[005] jazīrat al-Ghawf [= al-Ṣanf ?] (Island of al-Ṣanf ?)5

[006] The Islands of Langabālūs (Nicobar Islands). From them [one obtains] ambergris and coconuts. Its people have no clothes except for leaves of trees6

[007] The Island of Unjuwa (Zanzibar). There are...anchorages around it. It has a town called A-k-h7

[008] An island of the Zanj

[009] Islands of the Zanj8

[010] Jazīrat Ḥāsah (?) (The island of Ḥāsa ?)9

[011] Jazīrat Qālūs (The island of Qālūs)10

[012] Jazīrat Šānit (The Island of Šānit)11

[013] Jazīrat Qanbalū (The Island of Pemba)12

[014] ⟨...⟩qi13

[015] A Mountain

[016] madīnat Bānāshwar (The city of Bānāshwar)14

[017] madīnat Kūrān (The city of Kūrān ?)15

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1 This map of the Indian Ocean, found only in Ms A, uniquely depicts it as an enclosed narrow sea. The oval form may have been intended to parallel the form of the Mediterranean, which is depicted in the following map. The author drew this map of the Indian Ocean in two halves. On the right-hand side he has drawn the Asian half, with Indian and Chinese localities represented along its shores, and the maritime route to China indicated by a volcano and several islands. A label at the bottom of the map remarks on the power of the Chinese army. On the left the map-maker has drawn the east African coasts and islands, with the tip of the Horn of Africa protruding into the sea. The details of the east African half of the Indian Ocean (the left half) are original to this treatise, and include a depiction of Zanzibar as a rectangular box in the middle of the sea, and a list of harbours along the Somali coast. The eastern sections of this map are discussed in Rapport 2008.

2 A peninsula or an island near Cambodia, widely attested in Arabic geographic literature as a stopping point on the maritime route China (Tibbetts 1979, 157–9).

3 An island in southern China widely attested in Arabic geographic literature as a stopping point on the maritime route to Canton. The 3rd/9th century account of the route to China, known as Akhbār al-Ṣānī wa-al-Ḥind, describes Ṣanf Fūlāw (ッフ辞ハ prevents ンタラ and ロン) as an island in the sea, the penultimate stopping point on the maritime route to Canton (Tibbetts 1979, 54).

4 The island of Pulau Tioman, off the coast of Malaya, widely attested in Arabic geographic literature as a stopping place on the route to China (Tibbetts 1979, 156–7).

5 An island or a peninsula in the Indian Ocean. It may be an error for al-Ṣanf; an island mentioned by most early geographers as being on the route between Cambodia and China, probably on the coasts of modern Vietnam (Tibbetts 1979, 159–60).

6 The Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean are widely attested in Arabic geographic literature as a stopping place on the route to China (EF2, art., ‘Nicobars’).

7 Unjuwa, a corruption of the Swahili Unguja, is a name for Zanzibar attested in later geographical literature. This is the earliest mention of the island in Arabic texts (Idrīsī 1970, 61; EF2, art., ‘Zandjibār’), almost certainly from the Swahili Ukuu, meaning ‘big’, may be a reference to Ukuu Ukuu, a site on the southern coasts of Zanzibar, where excavations uncovered evidence of extensive medieval trade with the Mediterranean (Horton and Middleton 2000, 32, 44).

8 The islands of the Zanj are also described in more detail on the top of this map.

9 Unidentified. Reading of the label is uncertain.

10 An island or peninsula in the Indian Ocean, probably an error for Bālūs, mentioned by Ibn Khurraḍādhbih as an island in the Indian Ocean inhabited by cannibals. Bālūs has been identified with Barūs on the west coast of Sumatra or with the entire northern portion of Sumatra (Tibbetts 1979, 141–3).

11 An island or peninsula in the Indian Ocean, probably an error for Māīṭ (אימא), mentioned by Ibn Khurraḍādhbih as an island on the route to China, near the islands of Salāḥīt, Harang and Jāba. All these islands could be interpreted as near the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula or the east coast of Sumatra (Tibbetts 1979, 28, 147–8).


13 First part of label is missing. According to the sequence, should be locality in India.

14 This is probably Thaneswar or Thanesar (Ṣṭhāṇvivāra), north of Delhi, an ancient city and a Hindu religious centre (Kennedy 2002, 62b; Schwartzberg 1992, IV.1, VI.2; EF2, art., ‘Thanesar’). This label, like the following toponyms in the top right section of this map, is also indicated on the map of the River Indus later on in the treatise (Chapter Eighteen), as a stop on an inland itinerary in northern India.

15 Unidentified locality in northern India, on an itinerary from Multan to Qamnaj. This label, like the following toponyms in the top right section of this map, is also indicated on the map of the River Indus later on in the treatise, where the label reads jazīrat D-w-r-a-z (D-w-r-a-z). It could possibly be identified...
with Kuhrām or Ghuram, on the River Ghaggar north-west of Thaneswar (Habib 1982, 4A; Jackson 1999, 137).

23 Unidentified locality in China.

24 A locality at the extreme end of the sea of China, possibly a corruption of Baru-Mānil, or the port of Manila in the Philippines. The name has been often identified with Armabil, a city in Sind, but such identification makes little geographical sense (See discussion in Daunicht 1968, 3:268, 361). Ibn Khurraḍādhibhī mentions Armāyīl (أرمئيل) as being on the Sea of China, at a distance of two months journey (Ibn Khurraḍādhibhī 1889, 69).


26 Unidentified locality in northern India. On the River Indus map, the label reads "بَدَّلُ البَلْدَة (T-t-y-z).

27 Probably Déopālpūr (or Dipalpur) on the Bēāh tributary of the Indus, about 200 km east-north-east of Multān (Jackson 1999, 131; Habib 1982, 4A). This label is also indicated as a stop on an inland itinerary in northern India on the map of the River Indus (Chapter Eighteen).

28 A town in northern Yemen, (EI2) as being on the sea of China, at a distance of two months journey (Ibn Khurraḍādhibhī 1889, 69).

29 A town in northern Yemen (EI2, art., 'nadjrān').

30 A town in northern Yemen (EI2, art., 'nadjrān').

31 Islands toward the south, large and small, some spread over two farsakhhs, and some less. | All of their inhabitants are cannibals. They have fruitful trees and scorching hot rivers

32 A mountain in which there is fire night and day.

33 The beginning of the land of China | starting from here

34 Tāḥū [ = Khānjū ?]

35 A mountain

36 Tāḥū [ = Khānjū ?], the seat | of the ruler of China.

37 On land, between Khāfūr [ = Khānjū ?] and Tāḥū [ = Khānjū ?] | is 300 farsakhhs

38 The city of Arḥūn | Chinese

39 A mountain

40 The land of Armāyīl. In it there are cities of a weak nation, who submit to the ruler of China. They have few good qualities and they eat ants.

41 And the cities of China are three hundred cities, and every city, according to what they say, has 100,000 cavalry of standing armies, not counting the horsemen of the common people. The border of China with Tibet, the city of the Turks on the east | ⟨. . . . . ⟩ | [The sea of China] has noxious water, treacherous waves, and mountains cut through it.
appears in the late medieval navigational text of Sulaymān Damyūn was located in the eastern coasts of modern Somalia, art., ‘Malindi’.
EI2 Arabic geographical literature (Tibbetts 1971, 426). If this is so, this is the first mention of Malindi in the east African coast.

On the east African coast, it should be south of Ra’s Ḥāfūn.

Red Sea Pilot

The island of

The lands of the ⟨. . .⟩

The islands of the

29a

Māyiṭ

bilād al-zanj (The lands of the Zanj)

Māyiṭ (Mait), village

Ma⟨. . .⟩a

Hiiṣ (Heis), village

Ma⟨. . .⟩a

The lands of the ⟨. . .⟩

The mouth of the ravines; mountains

a-l-x-h-x-h, village

a-l-K-r-d-y, village

M-l-n-d-s (Malindi), village

M-k-f-a, qa⟨ryah (M-k-f-a, [village])

A-l-w ⟨. . .

khawer ⟨. . . (Bay of . . .)

The traveller encounters here the land of the Zanj (East Africa) at the curve (‘aff) of the Encompassing Sea (al-bahr al-muhīṭ). Whoever wants to go there [i.e., to the Encompassing Sea] is thrown back by the waves, but whoever seeks the land of the Zanj, the sea waves come from behind [and assist him]

Ra’s Ḥāfūn, a mountain

al-Jardafūn, a large mountain

‘Abd ‘d-s, a mountain in the sea

al-ḥārah, a mountain

s-j-y-b, a mountain

Hiṣn fi a-n-kh-α-n, jībāl (fortress in A-n-kh-α-n, mountains)

Ra’s Harīrah [= Khanzirah], a mountain

al-Qandalā, a mountain

It is said that there are other bays (bayāṭin ukhrā ?), and whenever a ship enters them it is lost (?)

Berbera | 250 farsakh

31 The Laccadive and Maldives archipelago (EP2, art., ‘Laccadives’). See also Book Two, Chapter Fifteen.
32 Second word illegible.
33 See label no. 010 on the Circular World Map above (Chapter Five).
34 Mait, a village on the northern coasts of modern Somalia, opposite Aden. It is also mentioned in late medieval Arabic navigational texts (Tibbetts 1971, 423). Modern Mait is a small village about 4.5 miles east-north-eastward of Ras Jilao (Red Sea Pilot 1967, 472).
35 Heis or Haïs, a village on the northern coast of modern Somalia, situated on the shore of a small bay about 14 miles east-north-eastward of Ras Shulah, providing a good anchorage point (Red Sea Pilot 1967, 472; Chittick 1976).
36 Unidentified locality in East Africa.
37 Unidentified village in East Africa. According to the sequence, it should be south of Ra’s Ḥāfūn.
38 A landing place called Khattat Damyūn or Haḥfat Damyūn appears in the late medieval navigational text of Sulaymān al-Mahrī, written in 1513. According to the navigational text, Damyūn was located in the eastern coasts of modern Somalia (Tibbetts 1971, 426).
39 Name of locality illegible.
40 Uncertain reading; according to the sequence, it should be on the East African coast.
41 Unidentified locality in East Africa.
42 Unidentified village in East Africa.
43 Probably Malindi on the east African coast, in modern Kenya. If this is so, this is the first mention of Malindi in the Arabic geographical literature (EP2, art., ‘Malindi’).
44 Unidentified locality in East Africa. According to the sequence, it should be south of Malindi, possibly Mombasa.
45 Reading uncertain.
46 Barely legible label.
47 Barely legible label.

49 Compare the comments of al-Bīrūnī (d. 440/1058), who claims that communication between the Indian Ocean and the Encompassing Sea was by means of a channel: ‘The sea behind Sufāla of the Zanj is navigable. No ship which ventured to go there ever returned’ (Bīrūnī 1888, 1:270, cited by Trimingham 1975, 119). As this extended label is placed near Ras Hāfūn and the tip of the Horn of Africa, the author appears to suggest that the open sea beyond the Horn of Africa does lead to the Encompassing Sea, but that the prevailing winds draw ships towards the east African shores.
50 Ra’s Jardafūn, the name used by Arab navigators for the cape at the tip of the Horn of Africa, known today as Ra’s ‘Asir and in European literature as Guardafui (EP2, art., ‘Guardafui’).
51 Unidentified locality on the African coast of the Gulf of Aden.
52 The reading of the name of mountain is uncertain. According to the sequence on the Somali coast, this could be Injār, modern Angar, on the African coast of the Gulf of Aden, just south of the Bab al-Mandeb straits. Injār is mentioned in late medieval Arabic navigational texts (Tibbetts 1971, 422).
54 Reading of name is uncertain. Again, this could be this could be Injār, modern Angar, on the African coast of the Gulf of Aden, just south of the Bab al-Mandeb straits.
55 Ra’s al-Khanzīrah, or Ra’s Anf al-Khanzīrah (‘the cape of the Pig’s Nose’) is located between Berbera and Mait, on the northern coasts of modern Somalia, opposite Aden (Tibbetts 1971, 423).
56 Candala, or Qandala, is today the name of a village on the African coast of the Gulf of Aden, in modern Somalia. It is located about 95 miles west of Ras Guardafui (Chittick 1976; Red Sea Pilot 1967, 486).
57 The sentence appears to be severely corrupted, and the meaning has to be speculated. In Arab navigational guides, the term طبر (batn) was used to designate bays on the African shores of the Gulf of Aden (Tibbetts 1971, 444).
58 Berbera was the name of the coastal region around the port of Berbera on the African coasts of the Gulf of Aden (EP2, art., ‘Berbera’).
[083] A mountain in the sea | called Ra’s Fil
[= Faylak]\(^{59}\)
[084] The Lands of the Zanj\(^{60}\)
[085] The bay of Mikhānah [= Mtwāfah ?]\(^{61}\)
[086] Lunjuwah [= Unjuwa] (Zanzibar), an island\(^{62}\)
[087] Manfiya (Mafia), an island\(^{63}\)
[088] Kilwalah (?), an island\(^{64}\)
[089] Island of (...)d-l-h\(^{65}\)
[090] Q-d-x-h, a bay\(^{66}\)
[091] Khawr al-amir (The bay of the Amir)\(^{67}\)
[092] K-l-n-k-w, a stronghold\(^{68}\)
[093] Süsmär (Crocodile), an island\(^{69}\)

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\(^{59}\) Probably Ra’s Faylak, the last major cape west of Ra’s ‘Asir (Cape Guardafui), and the northernmost point of the Somali coast, mentioned by medieval Arabic navigational texts. In modern maps it appears as Ra’s Alula (Tibbetts 1971, 423). If the original reading is retained (Ra’s al-Fil), this could also be Capo Elefante, located about 40 miles west of Cape Guardafui. The cape is so-called because of its shape (Red Sea Pilot 1967, 48), but the name is not recorded in medieval Arabic texts.

\(^{60}\) The list below this label contains mainly islands off the east African mainland.

\(^{61}\) Unidentified bay on the east African coast. It is possibly Mtwapa (خور متواڤ), indicated between Malindi and Mombasa in the Arabic nautical guides (Tibbetts 1971, 436). According to sequence, this island should be north of Zanzibar.

\(^{62}\) Unjuwa, a corruption of the Swahili Unguja, is a name for Zanzibar attested in later geographical literature. On this map, it is represented also as a circle within the Indian Ocean (label no. 007).

\(^{63}\) Mafia, the largest of a group of islands known by the same name and located south of Zanzibar. This is the earliest mention of the island in Arabic texts (EI², art., ‘Mafia’).

\(^{64}\) Possibly Kilwa, modern Kilwa Kisawání, situated on an island near to the Tanzanian coast, south of Mafia. Kilwa was the capital of the greatest of the medieval Islamic trading states in East Africa (EI², art., ‘kilwa’).

\(^{65}\) Unidentified island on the east African coast. According to the sequence, it is south of Mafia.

\(^{66}\) Uncertain reading: unidentified bay on the east African coast. According to the sequence, it is south of Mafia.

\(^{67}\) Unidentified bay on the east African coast. According to the sequence, it is south of Mafia.

\(^{68}\) Unidentified fort on the east African coast. According to the sequence, it is south of Mafia.

\(^{69}\) Unidentified island on the east African coast.
[see fig. 2.6, p. 152, for the Map of the Mediterranean, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]¹

[001] Toward m[…]
[002] Toward m[…]
[003] Toward x[…]
[004] Toward x[…]
[005] Toward Tanjāh (Tangier)
[006] Toward Azīlā, an anchorage²
[007] Toward Wādī Saṣafḍād³
[008] The anchorages of al-Andalus⁴
[009] The anchorages of the Galicians⁴
[010] The anchorages of the Franks
[011] The anchorages of the Slavs⁵
[012] marāsī al-nūkbardah [= al-Nukbardah] (The anchorages of the Lombards)⁶

[013] The Gulf of Burjān, in which there are thirty anchorages for skiffs of the Burjān (the Bulghars)⁷
[014] The fortress of N-q-d-x-a-r-d-s which has a small harbour⁸
[015] The church of Sīb [= Sānt] Bāḍulū (Saint Badolo ?), with a large anchorage⁹
[016] The Church of Sīb [= Sānt] x-a-t-w-f/q-a, with a large anchorage¹⁰
[017] The city of Sh-j-n-s having a large harbour which has been blocked with sand¹¹
[018] The land of Sāṣah, having a large anchorage which can accommodate an usṭūl (fleet)¹²
[019] Anchorage of Q-b-s-t-b-l-y-h¹³
[020] The fortress of Dh-f-r-q-w-r-h, large¹⁴
[021] The fortress of Q-l-a-l-w-x-h, with a harbour that protects from all winds¹⁵
[022] The fortress of Jurjiyah (Georgios), large, can accommodate an usṭūl (flee)¹⁶

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¹ This uniquely original map of the Mediterranean is the earliest surviving map, in any language, to depict the Mediterranean Sea in such detail. It is found only in MS A. MS D contains the title only, drawn within two unlabelled squares that represent sea waves (see fig. 0.15, p. 25, in the Introduction above). The map in copy A shows a dark green oval of water with 120 islands drawn in it as perfect circles, while the islands of Cyprus and Sicily are shown as large rectangles. Around its edge are 121 labels which list anchorages, bays, cities and fortresses along the Mediterranean coasts. The red line at the left of the map indicates the Straits of Gibraltar. Going clock-wise from Gibraltar, the harbours of western Europe are mentioned only in general terms, but are not described. The first harbours to be described in detail are at the entrance to the Dardanelles, en route to Constantinople which is also mentioned. As we continue clock-wise from Constantinople, the map lists in correct sequence harbours in western Anatolia, southern Anatolia, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and North Africa. The brief descriptions of the harbours often refer to their size, the protection they offer from winds, availability of fresh water, and the presence of forts near the harbour. This map is discussed in Koutelakis 2008; Savage-Smith 2010; Rapoport 2011; The list of anchorages along the coasts of the Mediterranean should be compared with the list of toponyms found on late medieval portolan maps, as compiled by Tony Campbell (Campbell 2012).

² Azīlā (modern Asilah), on the Atlantic coast of Morocco. See label no. 116 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two).

³ Wādī Saṣafḍād (modern Oued Loukos), in Morocco, flows into the Atlantic south of Azīlā, modern Asilah. See also label no. 122 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, above).

⁴ Galicia, the north-west region of Spain (EP, ‘Djillikiyya’).

⁵ According to this sequence, these are the northern coasts of the Adriatic Sea.

⁶ For the term al-Ankaburdat used for the Lombards, see EP art. ‘Iṭāliya’.

⁷ The Burjān, often mentioned in Arabic sources in connection with the Slavs, are the Bulghars who immigrated to the Balkans in the early medieval period (EP, ‘Bulghar’; see also the account of the sixth clime in Book Two, Chapter Three, above). Khalij Burjān, ‘the Gulf of Burjān’, may refer to the coasts of the Black Sea. In Islamic world maps, the Black Sea was often conceived as narrow straits that connect the Mediterranean and the Encompassing Sea (See the world map by Ibn Hawqal, reproduced in Tibbetts 1992b, 123 and passim).

⁸ Unidentified harbour, probably in the northern Aegean.

⁹ Unidentified harbour, probably in the northern Aegean.

¹⁰ Unidentified harbour, probably in the northern Aegean.

¹¹ Probably Sigeion or Sigeium, at the southern entrance to the Hellespont (Dardanelles), on the Asian coast (Barrington 2000 [Sigeion]).

¹² Possibly Sestos, Sestus or Sesto, the port facing Abydos on the European coast of the Dardanelles. See Kretschmer 1909, 659; Barrington 2000 (Sestos).

¹³ According to the sequence, it should be in the Dardanelles, south of Galipoli; it is possibly Kostelare, which is midway between Sestos and Kallipolis, although the name is only attested in the late medieval portolans (TTB 12471).

¹⁴ According to the sequence, it should be in the Dardanelles, south of Galipoli.

¹⁵ Possibly Kallipolis, modern Gallipoli (TTB 12425–431). It is called τό Περίπολος by al-Idrisi (Idrīsī 1970, 800).

¹⁶ Probably Agios Georgios (San Georgi in later portolans), a fort at the head of the Gallipoli peninsula, mentioned as a stop on the way to Constantinople by Saewulf in 1102, and by
[023] The fortress of Qunstanti̇niyā (Constantinople) on which there is a tower and a musallābāh (armory)17
[024] The Fortress of A-t-r-x-h (Atarneus ?), large, protects from all winds18
[025] The fortress of Q-e-t-w-a-n-a-h, large19
[026] The anchorage of the fortress of A-r-sh-r-y-h, large, can accommodate an āstūl (fleet)20
[027] The anchorage of A-t-r-a-b-l-y-h, large, can accommodate a hundred (ships)21
[028] The anchorage of A-b-t-y-h, having a small harbour22
[029] The anchorage of A-l-t-h-y-n (Thebes ?), large, at which there is a ruined fortress23
[030] The anchorage of al-Khaṣās (Iasos ?), small, protects from the Boreas (north wind)24
[031] The anchorage of Q-y-s (Kepos ?). Its bay [protects] from all winds25
[032] The anchorage of B-l-t-y-a [= Bārjiliā ?], which has a city in ruins26

27 Strobilos, on the north-western tip of the Ceramic Gulf, 10 km south-west of modern Bodrum, was an important naval and military post in the middle Byzantine period. The ruins are today known as Aspat or Chifüt Kalesi, 'the Jew's Castle' (See Foss 1988). It is mentioned by al-Idrīsī as Bārjiliā (Idrīsī 1970, 648).
28 Unidentified anchorage in the Ceramic Gulf, in south-west Anatolia. Koutelakis suggests the toponym Kalogiros as Greek for 'monk' (Koutelakis 2008).
29 According to the sequence, this is an anchorage on the south-west Anatolian coast. It is possibly Studia or Standia (modern Datça), a town near the site of ancient Cnidus, which is mentioned in medieval portolans (Pryor 1994, 45; Kretschmer 1909, 664).
30 Thecaeia (Traquia in later portolans), a town on the eastern coasts of the Darasya peninsula. Thecaeia was also the Byzantine name for the gulf on the eastern side of the Darasya peninsula, to the north of Rhodes. See Hild 2000, 109 and 113.
31 Marmara (modern Marmaris), mentioned as Chastel Marma in medieval portolans (Pryor 1994, 45; Kretschmer 1909, 664).
32 Ancient Telmessus, modern Fethiye, on the southern Anatolian coasts. The medieval name of Makre or Magn is first attested in AD 879 (Hild 2000; TIB 8: 794–9: Kretschmer 1909, 665).
33 An unidentified anchorage south of Makre (modern Fethiye), possibly Sipolo, modern Oludeniz (TIB 8:856; Kretschmer 1909, 665).
34 An unidentified anchorage south of Makre (modern Fethiye) and north of Patara. It is possibly Perdikiai, meaning 'portridge' (Arabic الاحمر), 'red'. See TIB 8: 793, 822.
35 Patara (modern Kemer) and Harabeleri, an important Byzantine port on the south Anatolian coast. Contrary to the description here, there is ample evidence of its continuous habitation during the 5th/6th century (TIB 8: 798–8; Foss 1994, 15).
36 An anchorage on the south Anatolian coast, between Patara and Myra. It is possibly the island of Kakaba (modern Kekova), which is mentioned by al-Idrīsī as Qunsṭanṭīnīya (Idrīsī 1970, 648; TIB 8: 581–4); or Kalamin (modern Kalkan), in close proximity to Patara, known for being a difficult port because of its rocks (TIB 8:584–5).
Tamārah (Myra), a city having a harbour protected from the winds.37

Nahr al-Bārid (literally, 'The Cold River'), a large anchorage, can accommodate many ships.38

The anchorage of al-Baqr (literally, 'Cattle'), protects from the Boreas (north wind).39

Antāliyah (Attaleia), which has a large harbour.40

Sidn (Side), a city with a large harbour and an inlet.41

The fortress of Qalārūs (Kalonoros), a large harbour with little water.42

The fortress of Antākiyah al-Muḥraqaḥ (Antiochía ad Cragum) which has a harbour under the mountain.43

The anchorage of the River al-Khalarin (Karadros), an inlet in the mountain.44

The fortress of al-Kuhf (?), literally, the caves, in ruins.45

The fortress of Sūqūn (Sykē), can accommodate 100 ships.46

The anchorage of Salūqiyyah (Seleukeia), between the river and the mountain.47

The bay of Mūrah (Mylai); the distance from it to Cyprus is one day and one night.48

The inlet of al-Rayhān (literally, 'sweet basil').49

The fortress of al-Ṭiqah (literally, 'safety'), whose harbour is blocked.50

That is Tarṣūs ['Tarsos]; the anchorage is in the river; it is entered with a mild Boreas (north wind).51

al-Fum (literally, 'mouth'), an anchorage.52

The River of al-Maṣṣiṣah.53

The fortress of Ayās, protects from...54

The fortress of T-gh-r (. . .) .55

al-Mutaqa(. . .) (Mutubake) .56

al-Y ( . . ) (Issos) .57

Bayās ( . . ) .58

al-Ḥ( . . .) .59

al-I(spandarānah . . .).60

37 Myra on the south Anatolian coast (TIB 8: 342–59).
38 Phoinix (modern Finike) is the only port between Myra and Attaleia which is located at a mouth of a river (the Phoinix Patnos), indicated on this map by a red line. It is mentioned by al-Idrīsī as جْرَانَة البَلْدَة (Idrīsī 1970, 647; TIB 8: 806–9).
39 An unidentified anchorage, located between Phoinix and Attaleia on the south Anatolian coast. It is possibly Phaselis, about 40 km south-west of Attaleia, which was a major Byzantine port during this period (TIB 8: 798–802).
41 Side, on the southern Anatolian coast, east of Antalya. See TIB 8: 373–394.
42 Kalonoros, modern Alanya, east of Side along the south Anatolian coast (TIB 5: 8188, 324).
43 Antiochía ad Cragum, near modern Güney Köy, on the southern Anatolian coast. See Idrīsī 1970, 647 (مَصْبَعَة) . TIB 5: 191.
44 River Karadros (modern Kaladrán River), located on the southern Anatolian coast, to the south-east of Antiochía ad Cragum; in medieval portolans it appears as Calandaro or Chandalaro. See TIB 5: 226; Kretschmer 1999, 667.
45 According to the sequence of ports on the southern Anatolian coast, this is probably Anemurium, modern Anamur (TIB 5: 187–9; Hewson 2001 map 193; Kretschmer 1999, 667).
46 Sykē or Sycae (modern Softa Kalesi), located on the southern Anatolian coast, east of Anemouron (TIB 5: 421–2; Hewson 2001 map 193).
47 Seleukeia (or Seleucia; modern Silifke), a major city along the southern Anatolian coast (TIB 5: 402–6; Hewson 2001 map 199).
48 Mylai or Mylæ (modern Manastır), was the main port serving the city of Seleukeia, servicing ships travelling to and from Cyprus (TIB 5: 365).
49 Possibly Korykos (Greek for curcum), which was a port of call between Mylai and Tarsus (Avramea 1998, 288).
50 This is possibly Thekla or Sancta Tecla (modern Ayatekla, formerly Meriamlık), 1,5 km south of Seleukeia (TIB 5: 444–3). Thekla, however, is located west of Korykos, and would therefore be out of sequence.
52 An unidentified anchorage in south-east Anatolia, west of the Ceyhan River. It is possibly Magarsos, modern Dört Direk, located near Cape Karatış, which is known in medieval portolans as Malo or Mallos (TIB 5: 355). Medieval portolans mention Port de Palo (or Pal or Palo), as the port in the lagoons formed by the Ceyhan (Kretschmer 1999, 668).
53 Nahr al-Maṣṣiṣah, also known as Jayḥān (modern Ceyhan) is one of the two rivers flowing across the Cilician plain of eastern Turkey and into the Mediterranean (the other being the river Sayḥān). It was known in antiquity as Pyramus. See EI art. 'Djayḥān'; 'Maṣṣiṣa'.
54 Ayas or Aigai, modern Yumurtalık, located east of the mouth of the river Ceyhan. See TIB 5: 160–4; Idrīsī 1970, 646. This label and the following ones were damaged when the edges of the page were trimmed during a late binding.
55 An unidentified fortress located around the Gulf of Iskendrun (classical Issicus Sinus), between Ayas and Mutubake.
57 Although most of the label is lost, the sequence suggests that this is Isos (modern Yeşil Hüyük, formerly Kent Höyügü), in the Gulf of Iskendrun. See Idrīsī 1970, 646; TIB 5: 277–8.
58 Bayās (modern Payas), along the Gulf of Iskendrun (TIB 5: 206–7). Most of the label is lost.
59 Most of the label is lost. This is the sixth in a sequence of nine ports located between the River al-Maṣṣiṣah and al-Süwwādiyyah along the Gulf of Iskendrun.
60 Al-Iṣkandarūnah or Alexandretta (classical Alexandrea, or Alexandria ad Issum; site of modern Iskendrún). See EP art. 'Iṣkandarūn'; Idrīsī 1970, 646 (لاَسْكَانْدَرُوُنَّ). Most of the label is lost.
[067] al-⟨…⟩
[068] The anchorage of A⟨…⟩
[069] al-Sāw‘ayyāh ⟨…⟩
[070] The fortress of Qāṣīr (Irāh)
[071] The city of al-Lādhaqīyah (Latakia), an anchorage
[072] The fortress of Jablah, an anchorage
[073] The fortress of Bulunyās (Baniyas), an anchorage
[074] The fortress of Maraghīyah (Maraqīyah), an anchorage
[075] The fortress of Antartiṣ (Ṭartūs), an anchorage
[076] The island of Wārid [= Arwād], which has a harbour, but the island is in ruins
[077] The fortress of Mīn-t-a-n
[078] The fortress of al-Sīsilīyah (literally, ‘the chain’), an anchorage
[079] The city of Tripoli, protects from the notos (south wind)
[080] The anchorage of Anfah, does not protect from any (wind)
[081] The anchorage of al-Hajar (literally, ‘the rock’), an inlet

41 Most of the label is lost. This is the eighth in a sequence of nine ports located between the River al-Maṣṣīṣah and al-Sīwāydiyyah around the Gulf of Iskenderun.
42 Most of the label is lost. This is the southernmost in a sequence of nine ports located between the River al-Maṣṣīṣah and al-Sīwāydiyyah around the Gulf of Iskenderun.
43 Al-Sūw⟨aydīyah⟩.
44 Fāsirah or Kāsirah, north of Latakia. It appears as Pasera and modern Kapısu/Kaboussé, was the port for Antioch in Syria. See Hewson 2001 map 119; Barrington 2000, map 67.
45 Jablah on the Syrian coast (Ef, ‘AudJA’).
46 The site of modern Baniyas, on the Syrian coast (Ef, ‘Baniyās’).
47 The fortress of al-Qalamūn (Jounieh) 78
48 This is modern Rouad or Arwād, an islet off the Syrian coast, near Tripoli (see Conrad 1992, 361–2).
49 According to the sequence, this could be the modern al-Mintār, between Tripoli and Tartus.
50 An unidentified fortress on the Syrian coast, between Tartus and Tripoli. Medieval portolans mention the castle of Prison (or Preson, Prizion), located 18 nautical miles south of Tartus (Kretschmer 1909, 671).
51 An anchorage on the coast of modern Lebanon, south of Tripoli; it is probably modern Wujāḥ al-Hajar.
52 The anchorage of the fortress al-Māḥūz (Byblos)
53 The anchorage of the fortress of Iskandariyyah (iskandariyya), no. 15; Idriesi 1970, 365.
54 The anchorage of Beirut
55 The anchorage of al-Nā‘imah (Naame) 76
56 The River a-l-m-r-a-y-w-n (al-Dāmūr), protects from the Notos (south wind)
57 The anchorage of the fortress al-Jīyah (Jiyeh) 78
58 The anchorage of Ṣaydā (Sidon), bad
59 The anchorage of Sarafandah (Sarafand) 79
60 The anchorage of ‘Adlūn [= ‘Adlūn’] 80
61 (The anchorage of ...) nr-y-ṛ 81
62 The anchorage of Šūr (Tyre), a harbour within a harbour, protects from all winds
63 The anchorage of Iskandariyyah (Iskandarouna), does not protect from any (wind) 82
64 The anchorage of al-Karak, a mountain with a tower on it 83
65 The anchorage of ‘Akkā (Acre), which is second to none
66 The anchorage of Qaysāriyyah (Caesarea), protects from all winds
67 The anchorage of Yāfā (Jaffa), protects from the Boreas (north wind)
68 The anchorage of ‘Asqalān (Ascalon), with running water
69 Mimās Gaza, protects from the Notos (south wind) 84
[100] The ushtūm (from Greek, 'the inlet') of Dimyāt (Damietta), which is the anchorage of al-Ṭīnah | (.....) anchorage of al-[...], the western (?)

[101] The ushtūm of Tinnis, protects from all winds

[102] The easternmost

[103] The ushtūm of B-k-a-f/q-r [= Dimyāt ?], s-p-y-ρ

[104] The anchorage of Rashūd (Rosetta), which has abundant fresh water

[105] The anchorage of As(...).jah, protects from all winds

[106] The anchorage of S-k-y-r, protects from the Euros (east-south-east) wind

[107] The anchorage of Iskandariyāh (Alexandria), an arsenal

[108] The harbour of Barqah (Barca), which can accommodate 100 ships; it is one day's sailing from Alexandria

[109] The anchorage of Şurt (Sirte); it is half a day's sailing from Barqah

[110] The inlet of Wādī Mahlah; it is one day's sailing from Sirte

[111] The inlet of H-d-а[...], which can accommodate 200 [ships]

[112] The harbour of Bārah, with an impregnable fortress

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85 This is a marginal note added by a late reader, whose apparent intention was to complete the sequence of Mediterranean anchorages along the delta of the Nile, including Dimyāt (Damietta) and the anchorage of al-Ṭīnah. The third barely legible anchorage may be that of al-Naṣrāwah (النصر أو [السندر أو]). The term ushtūm (from Greek στόμα, στόμα), was used to denote the mouth or entrance into a bay, and was used particularly for the very narrow entrances into navigable bays that occurred in the delta of the Nile.

86 A notation added by a later reader, who also added a sequence of anchorages along the delta of the Nile (no. 100).

87 An anchorage at an entrance to the Nile delta; the name may be a garbled version of the town of Shatā, east of Tinnis.

88 An unidentified anchorage on the Nile delta, between Rosetta and Alexandria.

89 An anchorage on the Nile delta between Alexandria and Rosetta, possibly Abū Qīr (Abukir, أبور قير). For Barca, see label no. 191 in the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, above).

90 Unidentified anchorage on the coasts of modern Libya, west of Sirte.

91 The label of this port in Libya is damaged. The legible letters allow the reading of Ajdabiyah in eastern Libya (EP, art. ‘Ajdābiyah’). However, according to the sequence, this anchorage should be west of Sirte.

92 Reading is uncertain. It should be, according to the sequence of ports, an anchorage on the coasts of modern Libya, east of Tripoli. Alternatively, it could be the harbour of Bari in southern Italy, which is sometimes referred to as Bārah (بارة) in medieval Arabic sources (see al-Balādhurī 1916, 371–2).

93 An arsenal was built in Tunis by Hassan ibn al-Nu’mān as early as the 1st/7th century. See EP, art. ‘Tunis’.

94 To its sequence and position on the map, the canal or straits (Arabic خليج) must be the Straits of Gibraltar.

95 Classical Telos, modern Tilos, north-west of Rhodes. It is described in Book Two, Chapter Fifteen of the treatise.
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nisi in the Dodecanese, suggests that this is Leros (if the reading be Seskli, an islet just to the south of Symi, and therefore close to goats, in the south-western Cyclades (Koutelakis 2008).)

\[101\]

koutelakis suggests it may be identified with Thermia in Kythnos, or Thermonisi in Kimolos (Koutelakis 2008).

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Keros, an islet in the Cyclades referred to as Karos in the Ottoman period (Koutelakis 2008).

\[123\]

Lepsia, modern Leipsi, in the Sporades; in medieval Greek texts it was referred to as Dipisia or Dipsoi (Διπσία / Διψος), meaning ‘thirst’ (Koutelakis 2008).

\[124\]

Several islands in the Aegean had Greek names that refer to goats. Due to its location next to the island of Leipsi, this is likely to Tragia (modern Agathonisi), south of Symi. Koutelakis suggests the alternative of Ploiaegos, meaning ‘many goats’, in the south-western Cyclades (Koutelakis 2008; Barington 2000).

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Imbros (modern Imroz or Gökçeada) is in the northern Aegean, near the Hellespont.

\[127\]

Unidentified island, probably in the northern Aegean. Reading of label uncertain, as there are no diacritical dots.

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\[129\]

Astipalaia (modern Astipalea) in the Cyclades. Appears on Idrisi’s maps as Αστιπαλαία (Miller 1926, 2124).

\[130\]

The islet of Zafaros/Sofronio halfway between Karpathos and Astipalaia, which is mentioned in early-modern maps as Zafara or Zafon (Koutelakis 2008).

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Unidentified island in the Aegean. According to its position on the map, near Delos, this is possibly Mykonos. Alternatively, as suggested by Koutelakis, this might possibly refer to one of the Sogrenio islets south of Astipalaia, Megalos (Greek, ‘big’) (Koutelakis 2008).

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Probably Skinos, in the Cyclades.

\[133\]

Unidentified island in the Aegean. Koutelakis suggests the islet of Astakida, between Astipalaia and Karpathos (Koutelakis 2008).

\[134\]

Unidentified island. According to its position on the map, Koutelakis suggests identifying it with Karpathos (Koutelakis 2008). An island (or peninsula) by the name of the ‘Island of the Leek’ is mentioned elsewhere in this treatise (Book Two, Chapter Sixteen), as lying in the Bay of Patras; while al-Idrisi mentions the ‘Island/Peninsula of the Leek’ off the coast of Sicily (Idrisi 1970, 624). But the location of this island on the map suggests that it lies in the eastern Mediterranean.
[176] Jazīrat al-Khmiyyū [= al-Khīyyū] (Island of Chios)\(^{127}\)

[177] Jazīrat A-r-m-k-l-w-s (Island of Herakleia ?)\(^{128}\)

[178] Jazīrat Bayūnis (Island of Patmos)\(^{129}\)

[179] Jazīrat al-Jarānah (Island of al-Jarānah)\(^{130}\)

[180] Jazīrat Milū (Island of Milos)\(^{131}\)

[181] Jazīrat Sītrah (Island of Cythera ?)\(^{132}\)

[182] Jazīrat A-x-r-y-t-sh (Island of A-x-r-y-t-sh)\(^{133}\)

[183] Jazīrat Santbūr (Island of Santorini)\(^{134}\)

[184] Jazīrat Thūrah (Island of Thera)\(^{135}\)

[185] Jazīrat Qūsrīrah (Island of Pholegandros ?)\(^{136}\)

[186] Jazīrat Kīmulū (Island of Kimolos)\(^{137}\)

[187] (Jazīr)ah (…) (Island of (…))\(^{138}\)

[188] (Jazīr)ah (…) (Island of (…))\(^{139}\)

[189] (Jazīr)ah (…) (Island of (…))\(^{140}\)

[190] Jazīrat (…)t-z (Island of (…)t-z)\(^{141}\)

[191] (Jazīr)ah (…) (Island of (…) (…) )\(^{142}\)

[192] (Jazīr)ah (…) (Island of (…) )\(^{143}\)

[193] Jazīrat Qubīrah (Island of Capri)\(^{144}\)

[194] Jazīrat Qūsīrah (Island of Pantelleria)\(^{145}\)

\(^{127}\) Probably Chios, off the coast of Asia Minor in the Aegean. Al-Idrīsī writes the name as چیوس (Idrīsī 1970, 640; Miller 1926, 2:325).

\(^{128}\) Probably the islet of Herakleia, modern Irakleia, south of Naxos, in the Cyclades. Alternatively, it could be Armathia (Koutelakis 2008).

\(^{129}\) Patmos in the Sporades. It appears as Batino in Ottoman cartography (Koutelakis 2008).

\(^{130}\) Unidentified island in the Aegean, possibly referring to Gyaros in the Cyclades (Koutelakis 2008).

\(^{131}\) Milos in the south-western Cyclades. The same spelling occurs in Idrīsī 1970, 640; Miller 1926, 2:324.

\(^{132}\) Because of its location on the map, next to Milos, this is possibly Cythera (modern Kythira), south of the Peloponnesus. Koutelakis suggests Syra in the Euphrates, which is referred to as an island by Herodotus (Koutelakis 2008).

\(^{133}\) Unidentified island in the Aegean. Since it is located between Milos and Santorini, it is possible that this is a mistake for یرثیش (Crete), which is also indicated elsewhere of this map.

\(^{134}\) The toponym Ṣantbūr refers to the Chapel of Aghia Irini (Santa Irini) built on the island of Thera, a small island west of Thera (Santorini). The name Santorini has in time come to designate the larger island of Thera. This island appears as Ṣantarī (شتری) in al-Idrīsī’s maps (Miller 1926, 2:324).

\(^{135}\) Thera (modern Santorini).

\(^{136}\) Possibly the islet of herakleia, modern Irakleia, south of the Gulf of Nauplia (Idrīsī 1970, 586; Miller 1926, 2:119).

\(^{137}\) Kimolos, a small island north of Milos in the Cyclades.

\(^{138}\) Illegible label.

\(^{139}\) Illegible label.

\(^{140}\) Illegible label.

\(^{141}\) Illegible label.

\(^{142}\) Illegible label.

\(^{143}\) Illegible label.


\(^{145}\) Qūsīrah or Qawsarah, Isola di Pantelleria (classical Cossoya), located between the Tunisian coast and Sicily. See Idrīsī 1970, 583; Miller 1926, 2:319.
[214] Jazīrat A-n-d-s (Island of A-n-n-d-s)
[215] Jazīrat Dh-y-s-y-s (Island of Dh-y-s-y-s)
[216] Jazīrat al-Kītāb (Island of the Book, Lampione)
[217] Jazīrat a-l-X-r-m-a-r-s (Island of X-r-m-a-r-s)
[218] Jazīrat Khālīfah (Island of Khālīfah)
[219] Jazīrat al-Šanawbar (Island of the Pine)
[220] Jazīrat a-l-N-w-s (Island of N-w-s)
[221] Jazīrat al-Anbadāsah (Island of Lampedusa)
[222] Jazīrat Baʿūdah (Island of Mosquitoes)
[223] Jazīrat A-s-f-n-d-r-h (Island of A-s-f-n-d-r-h)
[224] Jazīrat Iqrīṭish (Island of Crete)
[225] The Island of Sicily, in which there are fifteen fortresses. Between it and Ifriqiyah are six days; and between it and the Italian mainland—(al-ard al-kabīrah) |— the land of Byzantium |there is one or two miles. It is twenty farsakhs, and its width ten farsakhs.

[226] Jazīrat al-Rayhānah (Island of Basil)
[227] Jazīrat M-Ly-w-s (Island of Milīyūs)
[228] Jazīrah (island)
[229] Jazīrat A-sh-b-a-k-w (Island of A-sh-b-a-k-w)
[230] Jazīrah (island)
[231] Jazīrat A-s-y-n-w-a (Island of A-s-y-n-w-a)
[232] Jazīrat Timīrah kanīsah (Island of Temyra, a church)

164 An unidentified island.
165 An unidentified island.
166 Lampione, in the Pelagian group of islands (Isole Pelagie) south of Sicily (Idrīsī 1970, 583).
167 Possibly a corruption of Marmara, modern Marmaris, on the south-western coasts of Anatolia, mentioned as an anchorage on the rims of this map of the Mediterranean (label no. 037).
168 An unidentified island.
169 An unidentified island. An island of the same name is mentioned below in Chapter Sixteen, where it probably refers to Spetsai (from Greek ‘Pine’), at the head of the Argolic Bay east of the Peloponnese.
170 An unidentified island.
172 The Island of Baʿūdah or Baghūdah is mentioned by al-Idrīsī near the coasts of southern Italy, south of Salerno (Idrīsī 1970, 738).
173 An unidentified island.
174 An unidentified island.
175 Unidentified island. Koutelakis suggests, on the basis of modern Turkish pronunciation and the placement on the map, that this is Megisti (Castellorizo), off the south Anatolian coast (Koutelakis 2008).
176 An unidentified island. Koutelakis suggests, on the basis of modern Turkish pronunciation, that this is Symi (modern Symi) in the Sporades (Koutelakis 2008).
177 An unidentified island.
178 This island may be near the port of Myra, also in southern Anatolia (written as Tīmīrah, تيمريه). Alternatively, the location of this island opposite the anchorage of Mylai in southern Anatolia (written as Mūrah, موراه) suggests that this may be an island or a peninsula near that bay (Koutelakis 2008).
179 An unidentified island.
180 An unidentified island.
181 An unidentified island. The Arabic name would appear to correspond to the Greek name Kipolos.
182 An unidentified island.
183 Compare this label to the map of Cyprus later on in the treatise, in Chapter Fifteen (see fig. 2.11, p. 115). All of the harbours listed below are also listed on that map, where more extensive notes and commentary are provided.
184 Akraia (or Aphrodite Akraia), located at Cape Apostolos Andreas in the north-east tip of Cyprus. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), labels no. 021, 022, 024.
185 Unidentified, from the Greek ‘Akrobuoni’. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 020.
186 Unidentified. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 019.
187 Dades (modern Cape Kiti), on the southern coasts of Cyprus. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 018.
188 Unidentified. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 017.
189 Citium (or Kition), near modern Larnaka. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 016.
190 Unidentified. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 013.
191 Ammochostos (modern Famagusta). See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 012.
192 Basileus (in Greek, 'king') River on the south-east coast of Cyprus. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 014.
193 Constantia, better known as Salamis, in eastern Cyprus. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 011.
194 Hagios Georgios, a monastery east of modern Limassol. See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 009.
195 Curias/Kourias promontory (modern Akrotiri Pr.). See Map of Cyprus (fig. 2.11), label no. 009.
196 Probably Rō, off the southern coasts of Anatolia, near Megisti (Castellorizo).
197 Unidentified island.
THE ELEVENTH CHAPTER ON THE SEA OF KHAZARĀN [THE CASPIAN SEA]

[see fig. 2.7, p. 146, for the Map of the Caspian Sea, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]1

[001] The eleventh chapter on the Sea of Khazarān [the Caspian Sea]1

[002] South

[003] East

[004] North

[005] West

[006] The island/peninsula of Siyāh-Kūh, having springs, trees, and thickets2

[007] The island/peninsula of Bāb al-Abwāb, large and possessing trees and thickets3

[008] Mountains of Daylam

[009] Sālūs,4


[011] Āmul6

[012] Mīlah7

[013] Māmaṭīr8

[014] Sāriyah9


[017] The mountain of Siyāh-Kūh12

[018] Ṭabaristān (Tabaristan)

[019] Jurjān (Jurjān)13

[020] A gap between al-Ghuzzīyah (Ghuzz lands) and Jurjān

[021] The Land of the Ghuzz14

[022] Land of Khazarān15

[023] ‘Ayn al-Humm [or Alhum]16

[024] [Ti]flis (Tbilisi), the city of Bāb al-Abwāb17

[025] Bāb al-Abwāb18

[026] (Na)hr al-Rūs38

[027] ⟨..⟩rān19

1 The map is found only in MS A. The Caspian is depicted as a perfect circle, with smaller circles representing islands in the middle of the sea. South is at the top. This map resembles in its form and its geographical knowledge the maps drawn by the tenth-century Muslim geographers known collectively as the Balkhī School. In particular, this map closely resembles the maps of the Caspian Sea made by Ibn Hawqal.

2 The island, or peninsula, of Siyāh-Kūh, usually interpreted as the peninsula of Mangyslak (or Manghishlaq) on the eastern coast of the Caspian Sea (EP, ‘Mangishlak’).

3 Bāb al-Abwāb, ‘the gate of the gates’, was the Arabic name for Darband (modern Derbent in Azerbaijan), a pass and fortress at the end of the Caucasus, on the western coast of the Caspian Sea. In the 4th/10th century it was the principal port of the Caspian. The reference to an island is possibly to the peninsula on which modern Bākū is built (Cape Apsheron). See EP art. ‘Bāb al-Abwāb’, and label no. 025 below.

4 Sālūs, or Shālūs, is a city in Tabaristan, on the southern coast of the Caspian Sea. See Cornu 1985, 143.

5 Alhum or Alham, a town on the southern coast of the Caspian, in Tabaristan. It was also called ‘Ayn al-Humm or ‘Ayn Alhum, that is, the Spring of Alhum. See Cornu 1985, 139; Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 8.

6 Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 19. Āmul is also depicted on the Rectangular World Map in Chapter Two above (fig. 2.3, p. 179, label no. 362).

7 Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 18; it is also depicted on the Rectangular World Map in Chapter Two above (fig. 2.3, label no. 36).

8 A medieval town in Tabaristan near the southern coast of the Caspian Sea, modern Bāfurūsh (EP, ‘Bāfurush’). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 17; Cornu 1985, 141.

9 Sāriyah, modern Sārī in Iran, a town near the south-eastern coast of the Caspian Sea, on the route from Āmul to Jurjān (Cornu 1985, 141). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 15.

10 Mihravān, a former town on the south-eastern coast of the Caspian Sea. According to Ibn al-Faqīh and Ibn Rustah, it was located about 20 farsakhs from Sāriyah (see Cornu 1985, 141).

11 Tanisah, a town near the south-eastern coast of the Caspian, on the route from Āmul to Astārābād (Cornu 1985, 143). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 12.

12 See above, label no. 006.

13 Jurjān, or Gurgān, a district of Tabaristan at the southeast corner of the Caspian (EP, ‘Gurgan’). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Daylam and Tabaristan, label no. 12.

14 Ghuzz is the Arabic term for the nomadic Turkish Oghuz people of Central Asia. In the 4th/10th century they occupied area bounded on the West by the Caspian Sea and the Volga river and to the South by the Aral Sea (EP, ‘Ghuzz’).

15 Khazarān was the name given by the 4th/10th-century geographers, Ibn Hawqal and Ibn Rustah, to a region around the River Volga. The name is derived from Khazar, the name of a nomadic people occupying the South Russian steppes (EP, ‘Khazar’). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of the Caspian Sea, label no. 8.

16 The label here appears to be an error, a mistaken repetition of a label placed precisely opposite it at the north-west of the circular diagram (label no. 010).

17 See label no. 007 above.

18 The Volga; the Khazar capital (label no. 028) was located on its banks. The Volga is usually called Itil (or Atil) in Arabic (EP, art. ‘Itil’; for the Rūs, see EP, art. ‘Rūs’); see also label 035 below.

19 Either al-Shābarān or Sharwān, two towns mentioned by Ibn Hawqal in his account of the area of al-rān (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 244). See also Ibn Hawqal map of Armenia, labels no. 4 and 13.
The city of the Khazars\textsuperscript{20}

Tākrah \[= Bākū ?]\textsuperscript{21}

Bardhaʿah (Bārdā)\textsuperscript{22}

Nahr al-Rass (The River Rass)\textsuperscript{23}

Marqān \[= Mūqān]\textsuperscript{24}

Lands of Gīlān and Daylam

Armenia

This sea does not connect with any of the seas which are around it except for what enters it from Nahr al-Rūs, known as Itil [the River Volga]. If a person travels around this sea he will return to where he started, without any hindrance or obstacle. It is a salty sea with no rising or ebbing. Its bottom is dark. Nothing is retrieved from it except fish. Merchants sail over it from the Muslim lands to the Khazar lands. It is shallow.\textsuperscript{25}

\begin{itemize}
\item \textsuperscript{20} Khazarān or Atil, the Khazar capital on the Volga mentioned by early Arab geographers. In the mid-fourth/tenth century the Khazar capital was destroyed by the Rūs, though the latter did withdraw and there were some attempts to rebuild it (\textit{EF}, art. ‘Atīl).
\item \textsuperscript{21} Possibly Baku (\textit{Baku}), which is indeed north of the River Kur (\textit{EF}, art. ‘Bākū’). The city is not mentioned by Ibn Ḥawqal, but it was by other early Islamic geographers (Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 190).
\item \textsuperscript{22} Bardhaʿah, modern Bārdā in Azerbaijan, near the River Kur (\textit{EF}, art. ‘Bardhaʿa’). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of the Caspian, label no. 11.
\item \textsuperscript{23} River Rass, ancient Araxes River and modern Aras, rises in what is now eastern Turkey and flows eastward, until it joins with the River Kur before emptying into the Caspian Sea (\textit{EF}, art. ‘al-Rass’). See label no. 381 on the Rectangular World Map in Chapter Two above (fig. 2.3).
\item \textsuperscript{24} Mūqān (or Mūghān) is a steppe lying to the south of the lower course of the River Rass (\textit{EF}, art. ‘Mūḵān’). Compare Ibn Hawqal map of the Caspian, label no. 15.
\item \textsuperscript{25} Taken verbatim from Ibn Hawqal 1873. 276\textsuperscript{15}–277\textsuperscript{1} and 277\textsuperscript{3–4}.
\end{itemize}
The island of Sicily is the largest of the Islamic islands and the most honourable on account of its continuous military expeditions against the enemy—may God forsake them!—and the perennial efforts of its people and governors in this respect.

The island is seven days’ long, and is covered by mountains, strongholds, and fortresses. Its capital city is known as Palermo (Bulūrm). Around it is a strong wall, tall and impregnable. The merchants live there. It had a sanctuary in which was a piece of wood to which the Christians used to attach great importance and address prayers for rain.

Near to Palermo is a city known as al-Khāliṣah (the Elect), which also has a wall and four gates. Also in Sicily is a quarter known as Ḥārat Masjid Ibn Siqlāb (the Quarter of the Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb), and another quarter known as Ḥārat al-Ṣaqālibah (the Quarter of the Europeans [literally, of the Slavs]) that [originally had] no wall. Most of [Palermo’s] markets lie between the Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb and the Ḥārah al-Jadīdah (the New Quarter). All the markets are outside the wall, except for those of the grain-merchants, a group of butchers, and the sellers of vegetables and fruits. The Ḥārat al-Ṣaqālibah had acquired a wall forty years ago. In the town are approximately one hundred and fifty butcher’s shops, and many mosques. It has well-known springs such as al-Qādūs to the South, al-Fawwārah al-Ṣaghīrah (the Little Spring),

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1 The text of the chapter is preserved in MS A and MS D, with the title omitted from D.
2 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1182: ‘The island is seven days long by four days [wide].’
3 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1184: ‘Most of [Sicily] is mountains, strongholds, and fortresses’.
4 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1184–1192: ‘[Sicily’s] biggest city is called Bulūrm (Palermo). Around it is a strong wall of stone, tall and impregnable. The merchants live there. It has a large congregational mosque. It was a church belonging to the Byzantines before the conquest of Palermo. In [the mosque] is a great sanctuary. A certain logician says that the doctor of the Greeks, that is Aristotle, is in a wooden coffin suspended in this sanctuary, which the Muslims have converted into a mosque and that the Christians attached great importance to his tomb and sought cures from him, because they observed how the Greeks esteemed and revered him. The reason that he is suspended between heaven and Earth is that people address to him prayers for rain, for cures, and for [all] serious matters that cause one to turn to God and to approach Him in time of adversity, fear of death, and civil strife. I myself have seen there a wooden coffin that is probably this tomb.’
5 The manuscript has al-Khāliṣah, literally ‘the essence’, but see the spelling given by Ibn Hawqal and later on in the Arabic text Al-Khāliṣah, now la Kalsa, lay to the south of the port (la Cala); there have been several attempts to reconstruct the line of its walls, none completely convincing (Zorić 1998).
6 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1194–: ‘Next to [Palermo] is a city called al-Khāliṣah. It has a wall of stone that is not like the wall of Palermo. The ruler and his followers live there. It has two baths, but no markets or farandaq (hotels for merchants). It has a small, modest congregational mosque. The ruler’s army is there, and the naval arsenal and the administration. It has four gates to the North, South and West, but to the East is the sea and a wall without a gate.’
7 It lay to the south-east of the Old City and was bounded by Piazza Ballarò and Piazza San Francesco d’Assisi, and Via dei Calderari and Via de’ Divisi (De Simone 2000, 90).
8 It lay to the north and north-east of the Old City, and stretched from the site of the church of Santa Anna al Capo, now destroyed, to Piazza Valverde and Porta San Giorgio, through the Terracina, to the Castellamare (Columba 1910, 147). Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1194–1201: ‘Around neither of them [i.e. the Quarter of the Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb and the New Quarter], nor the Ḥārat al-Ṣaqālibah is there a wall’. It was contiguous with the Quarter of the Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb, to the south of the Old City, as far as the walls of al-Khāliṣah (De Simone 1968, 148).
9 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1195–1201: ‘Most of [Palermo’s] markets lie between the mosque of Ibn Siqlāb and the New Quarter, including the markets of the oil-vendors and their corporation; the flour-mERCHANTS; the money-changers; the apothecaries; the blacksmiths; and the polishers; the markets of the wheat-vendors, the fish-merchants, and the grain-sellers; a group of butchers; the vegetable-sellers; the fruit-vendors; the sellers of aromatic plants; the baker; the rope-makers; the corporation of perfumers; the butchers; the shoe-makers; the tanners; the carpenters; and the potters. The wood-merchants are established outside the town. In Palermo [itself] is a group of butchers, jar-makers, and shoe-makers.’
10 Not reported by Ibn Hawqal.
11 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1195–1201: ‘In [the whole city], the butchers have more than two hundred shops for the sale of meat, but there are only a few in [Palermo itself], at the top of al-semi (the Main Street)’. The name of a spring in Palermo (ʿayn al-Qādūs, العين القدير). Described and shown to be south of the city. In the 15th century, la Funtana di li Catusi lay in Contrada Catusiorum to the north-west of the city beyond the Passo di Rigano (Bresc 1972, 66). However, catuso is a standard Sicilian hydrological term and common place-name (Caracausi 1983, 166–7; Caracausi 1993, 1347).
12 The name of two springs in Palermo, one ‘the great spring’, al-Fawwārah al-Kabīrah, and the other ‘the lesser spring’, al-Fawwārah al-Ṣaghīrah. The larger is now called
al-Bayḍāʾ (the White),15 al-Ghīrba6 and ‘Ayn Abī Mālik (the Spring of Abū Mālik).17

It has such an excess of school-teachers that every Qurʾānic school has two, three, four, or [even] five of them. This is because there is no burden upon the school-teachers, for whom holy war (al-ghażw) is not an obligation as it is for the rest of the population.18

The predominant characteristics of the population are that they are rough and quarrelsome. Some of them intermarry with their neighbours amongst the Greeks (al-Rām) of the island on the condition that if they are given a boy child he will retain the religion of his father, and if a girl, the religion of her mother.19

Seldom are their wealthy people seen to have 20,000 dinars. According to al-Halūqī [al-Hawqalī],20 the maximum [income] from all [Sicily’s] taxes (qawānīn)—the fifth (khums), the taxes on pro-

duce (mustaghallāt), the tax on wine (māl al-lutf),21 the poll-tax (al-jawālī), the sea-tax (al-bahr), tribute (al-hadiyyāh),22 and the duty on fishing (al-qabālat lil-suyūd)—amounts to 20,000 dinars.23 This is so despite their lack of kindness to the merchants who travel to them in need of their benevolence.24 But then it is their inborn nature to be rough and intellectually depraved. Sometimes their crops rot on the threshing-floor before they are brought into the store-houses.25

The market [of Palermo] runs from the East of it to the West and is called al-Simāt (the Great Street). It is paved with stone from beginning to end. It is surrounded by many springs flowing from West to East that turn [mills].26 The drinking-water of the population of the city and of its suburbs [is taken from the springs in the area] between Bāb al-Riyād (Gate of the Gardens) and ‘Ayn Shīfātī (the Spring of Healing). The drinking-water of the population of al-Khālīṣah and of the quarters [is drawn] from the wells that are in their houses. The drinking-water for the population of al-Muʿaskar27 is from the springs known as al-Ghīrba, ‘Ayn al-Sab,28 which is

—Maredolce or San Ciro, the smaller still bears the name Favara. Both lie on the coastal plain, 5 km east of Palermo. Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123.

15 Al-Bayḍāʾ, a suburban village on the site of modern Baida, 5 km west-north-west of Palermo.

16 A spring in Palermo, modern Sorgente del Gabriele, approximately 5 km west of Palermo, near Boccadifalco. Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123.

17 This passage is based upon the much longer and more detailed account of the springs of Palermo given by Ibn Hawqal 1938, 1233–1244: ‘The water for the inhabitants of al-Muʿaskar [literally ‘the Army Camp’] comes from the spring called al-Ghīrba, which is good . . .’ Surrounding the town are other, less known springs, from which is had great benefit, such as the springs al-Qādūs to the South, al-Ghirbāl to the South-west, al-Bayḍāʾ al-Kabīrah to the North and al-Bayḍāʾ al-Simāṭ. It is paved with stone and full from one end to the other, wide with a market that stretches from east to West, called Bāb al-Riyād (Tower of the hero) comes from al-Bayḍāʾ.28 Both lie on the coastal plain, 5 km east of Palermo. Compare ibn Ḥawqal 1938, 123.

18 ibn Ḥawqal 1938, 12522–1307, delivers a long peroration

19 ibn Ḥawqal 1938, 124.21–1307, describes at some length the hostility of the inhabitants of the fortresses, the countryside, and the market. This is because there is no burden upon the inhabitants [of Sicily] and of their store-houses.25

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21 Māl al-lutf, literally ‘the tax of kindness’, a nice euphemism for the tax on wine. See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 214.6: ‘There are raised from [niṣībīn, iraq], at one tenth, “the taxes of kindness” [al-ḥawqalī],20 the tribute (al-hadīyah) required every year from the inhabitants of the fortresses, the countryside, and the market. This is because there is no burden upon the inhabitants [of Sicily] and of their store-houses.25

22 Literally ‘gifts’. Comparison with Ibn Hawqal (see the following note) suggests that these were payments of tribute made annually by the inhabitants of Palermo to the authorities (amwāl al-luṭf), and they are duties upon wine (al-sharāb): five thousand dinars.” See also de Goeje 1879, 348.

23 The revenues from the island of Sicily in this our time, which is its most splendid period and that of greatest abundance, including all sorts of customs (wujūh) and taxes (qawānīn)—the fifth (khums), the taxes on produce (mustaghallāt), the tax on wine (māl al-lutf), the poll-tax (al-jawālī al-masāmāh ‘alā al-jamājīn), sea tax (māl al-bahr), the tribute (al-hadiyyāh) required every year from the inhabitants of Calabria, the duty on fishing (al-qabālat lil-suyūd), and all other customs, together amount to a total of . . . [lacuna].’

24 Reading ilā birri-him, ‘needing their benevolence’; but possibly ilā burri-him, ‘in search of their wheat’. Ibn Hawqal 1938, 139.6 describes at some length the hostility of the Sicilians to visitors and foreign merchants of Calabria.

25 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 139.6. ‘Together with the corruption of the intellect of the inhabitants [of Sicily] and of their religious beliefs, goes the corruption of the soil, the wheat, and the [other] grains, for not a single year passes except that the harvest is rotten—grain often rots on the threshing-floor before it can be put into the granaries and stores.’

26 ibn Hawqal 1938, 124.6: ‘This city is longer [than it is wide] with a market that stretches from East to West, called al-Simāt. It is paved with stone and full from one end to the other with commercial shops. It is surrounded by many springs flowing from West to East, the flow of which can turn a mill . . .’

27 MS A has al-’Asas (literally ‘the patrol’), and MS D has al-’Askar; correction from Ibn Hawqal.

28 Ibn Hawqal has ‘Ayn al-’Asas, ‘the spring of the nine [sources or channels]. Both manuscripts of the Book of Curiosities have

As to al-Qaṣr (the Citadel), it is Palermo, the Old City with its gates. The most famous is the Bāb al-Bahr (the Sea Gate), because of its proximity to the sea. Close to it lies the gate built by Abū al-Husayn Aḥmad ibn al-Hasan ibn Abī al-Husayn. Next is the Bāb Shantaghātāt (the Gate of Saint Agatha), which is an ancient gate. [Then comes] a gate which was built by Aḥmad ibn al-Husayn, where there is an excellent spring [which powers] many mills. [Then come:] the gate called Bāb Ibn Qurhub, the Bāb al-ʿAbnāʾ (Gate of the Buildings), which is the oldest of the gates; the Bāb al-Sūdān (the Gate of the Blacks) opposite the blacksmiths; the Bāb al-Hadīd (the Gate of Iron), from which is the exit to the Ḥārat al-Yahūd (the Jewish Quarter), and another gate near to it which was built by Abū al-Husayn. The total number of gates is nine.

This city was originally a long rectangle, with a market from its East to its West, but it was subsequently built up and became circular. Fifty years ago, it acquired a new quarter called al-Jaʿfarīyah, which has 10,000 houses.

The drinking-water of the district known as al-Gharbīyah comes from the spring called ‘Ayn al-Hadīd, where there is an iron mine, which once belonged to the Aghlabids.

This region has many gardens and orchards watered only by rain, and not irrigated, as in Syria and elsewhere.

38 The Gate of Iron’, one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo (see Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122). It lay near the junction of Via della Università and Via Maqueda (De Simone 2000, 93–4 and nt. 61).

39 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123–124: ‘The most famous gate is the Bāb al-Bahr (the Sea Gate), so-called because it is close to the sea. Next is a gate built by Abū al-Husayn Aḥmad ibn Hasan ibn Abī al-Husayn because the inhabitants of that part of the city used to complain at the distance they had to go to get out of the city. He built it above a crest that overlooked a stream and a spring called ‘Ayn Shifī’, and it is from the latter that this gate gets its present name. Those who live next to this spring can draw [their water] from it. Then comes the Bāb Shantaghātāt (the Gate of St. Agatha, Porta Sant’Agata), which is an ancient gate. Next to this is the Bāb Ṣāḥīḥ which takes its name from a large stream that is reached through this gate and that rises below it; its water is healthy, and on its bank is a line of many mills. Then comes the Bāb al-Riyāḍ (the Gate of the Gardens), also built recently, and a work of Abū al-Husayn Aḥmad ibn Hasan. Near it is a gate called [Bāb] Ibn Qurhub, situated at a weak spot in the fortifications; in the past, the city has frequently been attacked from this side, and the attackers have entered through this opening. The inhabitants were exposed to huge dangers, and so Abī al-Husayn had the gate closed and forbade passage through it. Near to it is the Bāb al-ʿAbnāʾ (the Gate of the Buildings), the oldest of the city. Then comes the Bāb al-Sūdān (the Gate of the Blacks), opposite the market of the blacksmiths. Next, the Bāb al-Hadīd (the Gate of Iron), through which one passes to reach the Ḥārat al-Yahūd (the Quarter of the Jews). Finally, one comes to another gate built by Abū al-Husayn and that has no name; through it one gets to the Ḥārat Abī Jamīn (i.e., Abī Himar; see De Simone, 2000, 94). In all, there are nine gates.’

40 This quarter was almost certainly built by the eighth Kalbīd emir of Sicily, Jaʿfar ibn Yūsuf (reg. 388–410/998–1019; see EF, art. ‘Kalbīdīs’). The building of this quarter is not reported by Ibn Hawqal.

41 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123–124: ‘The drinking-water of the district known as al-Gharbīyah (the Western) comes from the spring called ‘Ayn al-Hadīd (the Spring of Iron), where there is an iron-mine belonging to the ruler. Its products are destined for the requirements of his ships and qarrusātiyyāt [?]. This mine used to belong to the Aghlabids and gave them wealth. It is near to the village known as Bālharā.’

42 Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123: ‘Most of the streams in the lands to the north of the city are used to irrigate gardens, by means of norias. The inhabitants have a great many gardens there, which are extremely productive, and their orchards are

‘Ayn al-Sah, literally ‘the spring of the seven’. The words for ‘seven’ and ‘nine’ are notoriously easy to confuse in Arabic and, without independent confirmation, it is impossible to know which reading is correct.

29 Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123–10: ‘The water for the inhabitants of al-Maʾaskar comes from the spring called al-Ghurbāl, which is good. At al-Maʾaskar, there is also a spring called al-Tūs, the flow of which is less than that of al-Ghurbāl, another called [‘Ayn] Abī Saʿīd which is still abundant, and finally one called [‘Ayn] Abī’Ali, after an ancient governor, who gave it its name.’ The latter is a reference to Abū ‘Ali al-Hasan ibn Naqiq, governor in 283–856; see Amari 1933, 1574 n.41.

30 MS A and MS D: ‘attached to’ (yalzum, مُلْزَم)”. Ibn Hawqal 1938, 121: ‘It is Palermo (Bulumar, مَعَلَم)’, the Old City’.

31 ‘The Sea Gate’ in the city of Palermo; see Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122. It lay near the modern Piazza Caracciolo (De Simone 2000, 91–2).

32 Ibn Hawqal gives the name correctly as abū al-Ḥusayn al-Gharb (the gate called “al-Ḥusayn aḥmad ibn Ḥasan ibn abī al-Ḥusayn—i.e., the second kalbīd emir, Abū al-Husayn Aḥmad ibn al-Hasan ibn Abī al-Ḥusayn because the inhabitants of that district known as Bāb Shantaghātāt (the Gate of Saint Agatha), also built recently, and a work of abū al-Ḥusayn. The name of this gate (e.g., De Simone 2000, 91). It seems rather to be named after the famous Būr Rāštah (Būr Barāṭah or Bārāṭah) of al-Qayrawān; see Brunsvig 1940, 1364, 359; Idrīs 1962, 2:419.

33 The ‘Gate of Saint Agatha’, the Port Sant’Agata, one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo (see Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122), lay near the western end of Via del Celso (De Simone 2000, 92). On the accompanying map of Sicily (label no. 109) it is written as Bāb Shaghātāt (باب شاغتات).

34 Called the Bāb Rāštah by Ibn Hawqal (see note below). Various suggestions have been made about the name of this gate (e.g., De Simone 2000, 91). It seems rather to be named after the famous Būr Rāštah (Būr Barāṭah or Bārāṭah) of al-Qayrawān; see Brunsvig 1940, 1364, 359; Idrīs 1962, 2:419.

35 ‘The Gate of Ibn Qurhub’, one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo, named after ‘Uthmān Ibn Qurhub; see Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122. It lay on the western side of the Palazzo dei Normanni (De Simone 2000, 92).

36 ‘The Gate of the Buildings’, one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo (Ibn Hawqal 1938,122). It lay near the southwest corner of the Palazzo dei Normanni (De Simone 2000, 92 and nt. 59).

37 ‘The Gate of the Blacks’, one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo (see Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122). It lay near the western end of Via dei Rucottari (De Simone 2000, 92 and nt. 60).
Most of the water of the city is unpleasant. Its population is afflicted with corruption of their intelligence because of the great many onions that they eat. Few of them do not eat them.\footnote{43} The astrologers claim that [when] the sign of Leo rises obliquely,\footnote{44} it exercises, despite its eminence and brightness,\footnote{45} malign influence so that in every land in which it is influential, it is difficult for the ruler to govern. And it [Leo] rules over Samarqand, Ardabil, Mecca, Damascus [and Sicily].\footnote{46} These cities do not suit their rulers and their rulers do not suit them.

The [Italian] mainland lies opposite Sicily, to its South [sic]. Between Barqah and Sicily is about fifteen days' journey.\footnote{47}

Sicily was raided by Ḥablabh, a freedman of al-Aghlab ibn Sālim, but he could not hold on to it, even after capturing many Greeks (Rūm).\footnote{48} Then Khalfūn the Berber raided it, and conquered it in the days of al-Mutawakkil (reg. 232–247/847–861).\footnote{49} He conquered twenty-four of the fortresses of this island. After Khalfūn, al-Mufarraj ibn Sallāmah\footnote{50} tried to establish himself there and he built a mosque, but his companions killed him. After him, there came a man called Sawdān, and he asked al-Mutawakkil to grant him authority over it, but he was killed before his message arrived.\footnote{51} Then Ibrāhīm ibn al-Aghlab\footnote{52} raided it, after the bout of melancholy to which he was subject,\footnote{53} as a consequence of which he killed his daughters, his sisters, his son, his eunuchs, and his familiars, and acted excessively. He struck deep into it [the Italian mainland] for some fifteen days, and captured Iksanah (Cosenza).\footnote{54}

Muʿāwiyyah ibn Ḥudayj was the first to raid Sicily in the days of Muʿāwiyyah ibn Abī Sufyān (reg. 41/661–680).\footnote{55} Then al-Aghlab ibn Sālim conquered some twenty cities, which are in the city of Bari in southern Italy, and not Sicily. Compare al-Baladhuri 1916, 372: ‘This city was invaded by Hablabh, the freedman of al-Aghlab, who failed to reduce it. It was later invaded by Khalifn al-Barbari who reduced it in the early part of Mutawakkil’s caliphate. After Khalifn there arose one called al-Mufarraj ibn Sallam, who conquered and brought under his control 24 forts…Al-Mufarraj erected a cathedral mosque. Finally his men rose up against him and killed him. He was followed by Sūrūn [sic] who sent his messenger to al-Mutawakkil, the “Commander of the Believers”, asking for a confirmation and a letter of appointment to a governorship, Al-Mutawakkil, however, died before his messenger departed with the message for Sūrūn…’ See Metcalfe 2009, 20–21 and EI2, art. ‘Īṭāliya’. Al-Aghlab ibn Sālim was the Abbasid governor of al-Qayrawān and eponymous ancestor of the Aghlabid dynasty; see EI2, art. ‘Ibrāhīm I b. al-Aghlab b. Sālim’.

Khalifn, the Berber, the first Amir of the Muslim principality of Bari in southern Italy (reg. 232–238/847–852). See Metcalfe 2009, 20–21, and EI2, art. ‘Īṭāliya’.

This is al-Mufarraj ibn Sallam, the second Amir of the principality of Bari in southern Italy (reg. 239–242/853–856). He was not a ruler of Sicily (Baladhuri 1916, 377; Metcalfe 2009, 20–21). Both manuscripts have Sallāmah.

Sawdān, known in Latin sources as Seodan or Saugdan, was the last Amir of Bari (reg. 243–251/857–865). He was captured by Louis II, and later released; see Metcalfe 2009, 21.

The Aghlabid emir Ibrāhīm II ibn Ahmad, reg. 261–289/875–902 (See EI2, art. ‘Ibrāhīm II, Ahmad b. Muḥammad b. al-Aghlab b. Ibrāhīm b. al-Aghlab’).

Both MS A and MS D have al-siḍān (blacks), which is likely an error for al-sawdāwī, or ‘melancholy’. The reference is to Ibrāhīm’s notorious melancholia, for which see Talbi 1966, 304–18; EI2, art. ‘Ibrāhīm II, Ahmad b. Muḥammad b. al-Aghlab b. Ibrāhīm b. al-Aghlab’.

Ibrāhīm died in October 902, shortly after crossing the Straits of Messina and while besieging the town of Cosenza in southern Italy. See Metcalfe 2009, 31–32; Talbi 1966, 526.

From here, the account correctly describes the conquest of Sicily. On this Companion of the Prophet who is renowned for his conquests in North Africa, see EI2, art. ‘Muʿāwiya b. Ḥudayj’.
hands of the Muslims to this day. Then Ḥāmid ibn Muḥammad ibn al-Aḥlab significantly conquered, during the caliphate of al-Mutawakkil, Qaṣr Yānah (Castrogiovanni, modern Enna) and Ḥisn Ghalyānah (Gagliano). ‘Abd Allāh ibn Qays ibn Mukhallad al-Raqqī obtained in Sicily idols of gold and silver crowned with jewels, and he sent them to Muʿāwiyah.

[Sicily’s] Ascendant is Leo, and the Lord of the Hour is the Moon. Its distance from Alexandria, in the direction of the West, is one hour and one third and one half of a seventh [of an hour]. The maximum number of [daylight] hours in its longest day is fourteen hours and three quarters of an hour. Its circumference is 500 miles.

This is the map of [Sicily].

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57 Compare al-Baladhuri 1916, 375: ‘The first to invade Sicily was Muʿāwiyah ibn Hudayj al-Kindi in the days of Muʿāwiyah ibn Abī Sufyān. It was continually invaded after that. The descendants of al-Aḥlab ibn-Sālim al-Ifriqi conquered more than 20 cities in it, which are still in the hands of the Muslims. Ḥāmid ibn Muḥammad ibn al-Aḥlab reduced in it the Yānah castles and Ghalyānah.’
58 Compare al-Baladhuri 1916, 375: ‘It is stated by al-Wāqidi that ‘Abd Allāh ibn Qays ibn Makhkad al-Dīzaqī [sic] plundered Sicily and carried off idols of gold and silver studded with pearls, which he sent to Muʿāwiyah. Muʿāwiyah sent them to al-Baṣrah to be carried into India and sold there with a view to getting a higher price for them’.
59 The ascendant is the degree of the ecliptic which crosses the eastern horizon at a given moment. If the moment coincides with the sunrise, then it will be the degree of the Sun, but the ascendant can be calculated at any moment of the day. In this instance, the thirty degrees comprising the sign of Leo is specified, but not a specific date or time. The assignment of a zodiacal sign as an ‘ascendant’ of a geographical place can be seen elsewhere in this treatise, for example on the map of the River Oxus. Such astrological associations must not have been uncommon, for the practice elicited the following strong criticism in the 5th/11th century by al-Bīrūnī (Bīrūnī 1934, 240 para. 393): ‘For the association of a particular locale with a zodiacal sign or a planet, one is dependent upon experience (tajārib). As for the ascendant and the Lord of the Hour, that cannot be ascertained without [knowing] the time of construction, and what city has such information preserved? Even if there had been a ceremonial decree for every establishment of a city, the passage of time would have obliterated [knowledge of] it. Even assuming that was not the case and that the [time of] foundation for a city might be firmly established, on what basis could one confirm for the great rivers of the world the time of their cutting a channel or the moment at which the water flowed? The wrongness of such endeavours is quite obvious.’
60 That is 1 17/42 hours. The rule relating to longitude and time is given by Ptolemy in the Almagest (Ptolemy 1984, [2.13] 130 and [6.4] 242) as 1 equinoctial hour = 15° of longitude. We must assume that in this passage the time is given in equinoctial hours.
61 Here, the latitude is given in terms of the length of daylight hours on the longest day of the year at that location.
[32b–33a] [see fig. 2.8, p. 138, for the Map of Sicily, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]

[001] [Label mostly illegible]
[002] T-b-r-t al-bahriyah (T-b-r-t on-Sea)
[003] Marsá al-Tin (literally, ‘The Anchorage of the Clay’)
[004] A projecting mountain called Raʾs Marīrā (?)
[005] Forty miles
[006] Jabal H-y-t-y-h (The mountain of H-y-t-y-h)
[007] Sh-t-y-n-t (= Shantbitût) (San Vito), a mountain jutting into the sea
[008] Eighteen miles
[009] Afranîsh (= Atrabanish) (Trapani); it has an anchorage and strongholds to the West and the East
[010] Raʾs Mārān (= Raʾs Māzar); a place of anchorage and of sailing to the West and the East
[011] al-Shāqqah (= al-Shaqqah) (Sciacca); an anchorage and point of embarkation

[012] Siraqūnīyah (= Siraqūsah) (Syracuse); a city with a harbour
[013] Jabal al-Tallah (= al-nār) (Mount Etna)
[014] A village below it [i.e., Mount Etna] called Tabarmīn (Taormina)
[015] Raʾs Qīlāʿah [literally, ‘the head of the sail’], and it is the point of departure for Byzantium
[016] F-q⟨.⟩n-y-h
[017] Six miles
[018] Rūyā (Reggio), a harbour and a point of departure for Byzantium
[019] Twelve miles
[020] Tusammā (= Massinā) (Messina), a city with a fortress on the sea
[021] Six miles
[022] al-Fārīq (= al-Farū) (Faro), an anchorage on the sea
[023] ⟨…⟩ miles
[024] Flowing from the South, ‘Ayn Bilāl
[025] Marsā Raʾs Milāṣ (The anchorage of Capo di Milazzo)
[026] A mountain above the sea
[027] Twelve miles

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1 The map is found only in MS A. The map shows the island as a flattened sphere, with no attempt to reproduce coastal details, except for a v-shaped indentation for the port of Palermo at the top of the map. The Old City of Palermo is represented as a circular enclosure in red, broken by eleven gates. Most of the localities shown are around Palermo, while Mount Etna is shown on the lower left of the map. For this map, see Johns 2004; Rapoport 2012. Professor Jeremy Johns has made the initial research on the labels on this map. We are also very grateful for the help of Alex Metcalfe in identifying some additional toponyms.

2 Unidentified; uncertain reading.

3 Modern Sferracavallo and Mondello, both coastal sites to the west of Palermo; see BAS2 (Idrisi 68, 78; Ibn al-Athīr 277–8); Mercadante 2001.

4 An otherwise unattested place-name in Sicily. It probably lay on the coast to the west of Palermo. It is perhaps to be identified with Madīnat Marīyā named on the Mahdīyah–Palermo itinerary on the map of Mahdīyah in Chapter Thirteen of of Book Two below.

5 This is apparently the distance between Raʾs Marīrā (label no. 004) and Jabal H-y-t-y-h (label no. 006).

6 Unidentified; reading uncertain. See also label 089 below, which is possibly to be identified with Jāṭinah.

7 Shantbitût, modern Cape San Vito in the province of Trapani, Sicily. Idrisi puts it 25 miles from Trapani (Idrisi 1970, 623).

8 This is apparently the distance between Cape San Vito (label no. 007) and Trapani (label no. 009).

9 Trapani in Sicily (classical Drepanum). See BAS2 (Muṣādāsī 22, 24; Idrisi 37, 50, 51, 72; Harawi 78; Ibn Jubayr 95, 96, 97; Yāqūt 121, 130, 135, 137); Barrington 2006, map 47.

10 The Headland of Mazara [del Vallo] in the province of Trapani, see BAS2 (Muṣādāsī 24; Idrisi 37, 49, 50, 55, 56; Yāqūt 133, 140, 142).

11 Sciacca, in Sicily, in the province of Agrigento. For Sciacca, see BAS2 (Idrisi 37, 49, 57, 69; Yāqūt 120, 139).

12 The usual Arabic name for Etna is Jabal al-Nār, ‘the Mountain of Fire’.

13 Unidentified place-name; likely to be on the eastern coasts of the island.

14 Unidentified; reading uncertain.

15 This is apparently the distance between Raʾs al-Qilāʿah (label no. 015) or F-q⟨.⟩n-y-h (label no. 016), and Reggio di Calabria (label no. 018).

16 Reggio [di Calabria] in Sicily. See BAS2 (Idrīṣi 34; Ibn Jubayr 85; Yāqūt 121, 139).

17 This is apparently the distance between Reggio di Calabria (label no. 018) and Messina (Label no. 020).

18 Messina in Sicily. See BAS2 (Idrīṣi 44, 45, 67, 71; Yāqūt 117, 121, 134, 139, 141).

19 This is apparently the distance between Messina (label no. 020) and Punta del Faro (label no. 022).

20 Punta del Faro, in the province of Messina. See BAS2 (Idrīṣi 71, 72; Yāqūt 121, 139).

21 The first part of the number, which must be between eleven and nineteen, is hidden in the gutter, except for the last letter. It is apparently intended to be the distance from Punta del Faro (label no. 022) to the West.

22 Presumably Ay nibili or Ambleri, which lay south-west of Palermo, between Villagrazia and Falsomiele, in the Conca d'Oro in Sicily. See Bresc 1972, 66.

23 Capo di Milazzo, in the province of Messina in Sicily. See BAS2 (Idrīṣi 44, 67, 71; Yāqūt 114–15 and n. 81; Ibn Qalāqīs 136).

24 This is apparently the distance between the ‘mountain above the sea’ (label no. 026) and the ‘headland of rocks, a mountain above the sea’ (label no. 028).
[028] Ra's Hijārah (literally, ‘a headland of rocks’), a mountain above the sea.\(^{25}\)
[029] Six miles\(^{26}\)
[030] A mountain above the sea
[031] Three miles\(^{27}\)
[032] Jabal Abī Mūsā (The Mountain of Abū Mūsā)\(^{28}\)
[033] Sixteen miles\(^{29}\)
[034] Jafžidhāh [= Jaflūdhī] ‘al-Ṣughrā (Cape di Orlando), a farm commanded by a mountain overlooking the sea.\(^{30}\)
[035] Seven miles\(^{31}\)
[036] Halāfiān = Jaflūdhāh al-kabīrah (Cefalù); it used to be on the side of a mountain.\(^{32}\)
[037] Twenty-four miles\(^{33}\)
[038] Jabal Bīrnah [= Thirmah] (The Mountain of Termini)\(^{34}\)
[039] Jabal Thirmah (The Mountain of Termini)\(^{35}\)
[040] Jabal Qarayt al-Šabr (The Mountain of the village of Aspra)\(^{36}\)
[041] Qarayt al-Šabr (The village of Aspra)\(^{37}\)
[042] The names of the mountains to the South of it (i.e., Palermo)
[043] Jabal S-f-l-ya-h (The Mountain of S-f-l-ya-h)\(^{38}\)
[044] Qarayt al-Šabr (The stronghold of Ayyûb)\(^{39}\)
[045] Wādī Blātū [= Blāтанū] (Valley of Platani)\(^{40}\)
[046] Wādī al-Barqā (Valley of al-Barqā)\(^{41}\)
[047] Qaṣr al-Sultan = wa-saknihi ‘wa-‘abīdīhi (The ruler’s palace, his household and his servants)\(^{42}\)
[048] Qalayt Qatāniyah [= Qatāniyah] (The stronghold of Catania)\(^{43}\)
[049] Qalayt Rimţah [= Rimţah] (The stronghold of Rometta)\(^{44}\)
[050] Jabal Ibn Mawhib (The Mountain of Ibn Mawhib)\(^{45}\)
[051] Wādī Baruţah (or Barrūţah)\(^{46}\)
[052] B-th-m-r-h [= Bathirāk] (Butera), a stronghold\(^{47}\)
[053] Jabal a-l-Kh-r-y-s = al-Khurays? (The Mountain of the Khurays [literally, ‘silent’])\(^{48}\)
[054] Muḍiq al-Ṭawīth (The Pass of al-Ṭawīth)\(^{49}\)
[055] Jabal Bāriţd (Barūd Mountain)\(^{50}\)
[056] Qalayt Abū Thawr (The stronghold of Abū Thawr)\(^{51}\)
[057] Qalayt Manūd = Mināw? (The Stronghold of Mineo?)\(^{52}\)
[058] Q-r-d-w-a (or Qardwā, a mountain)\(^{53}\)
[059] Qalayt al-Ṭarzī = al-Ṭarzī (The stronghold of al-Ṭarzī)\(^{54}\)
[060] Qalayt N-a-z-n (The Stronghold of Nāzin?)\(^{55}\)

\(^{25}\) Unidentified cape along the Sicilian coasts.
\(^{26}\) This is apparently the distance between the ‘headland of rocks, a mountain above the sea’ (label no. 028) and a second ‘mountain above the sea’ (label no. 030).
\(^{27}\) This is apparently the distance between the second ‘mountain above the sea’ (label no. 030) and the Mountain of Abū Mūsā (label no. 032).
\(^{28}\) Unidentified and otherwise unattested.
\(^{29}\) This is apparently the distance between the Mountain of Abū Mūsā (label no. 032) and Cape di Orlando (label no. 034).
\(^{30}\) Cape di Orlando in the province of Messina in Sicily. See BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī, 71).
\(^{31}\) This is apparently the distance between Cape di Orlando (label no. 034) and Cefalù (label no. 036).
\(^{32}\) Cefalù in the province of Palermo, outside the city of Palermo and the Palermitano, in Sicily. See BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī, 43, 66, 67; Yaqūt, 113, 115).
\(^{33}\) This is apparently the distance between Cefalù (label no. 036) and Jabal Thirmah (label no. 038).
\(^{34}\) Possibly either Monte San Calogero to the west of Termini Imerese in the province of Palermo, or Monte Catalafano, to the east of Termini Imerese.
\(^{35}\) A repetition of the preceding label.
\(^{36}\) The coastal village of Aspra, on the coast east of Palermo. See BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī, 71). The mountain of the village of Aspra is possibly Monte Catalafano.
\(^{37}\) The coastal village of Aspra, on the coast east of Palermo.
\(^{38}\) An otherwise unattested name for a mountain south of Palermo, possibly Monte Chiaraastella. Vocalisation uncertain.
\(^{39}\) Unidentified.
\(^{40}\) Fiume Platani, in the province of Agrigento in Sicily. See BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī 55, 57, 69).
\(^{41}\) Unidentified.
\(^{42}\) The palace-city of al-Khāliṣah, outside the Old City of Palermo (See EF, art. ‘al-Khāliṣa’).
\(^{43}\) Qalayt Qatāniyah, the stronghold of Catania. See BAS\(^2\) (Muqaddasi 22; Idrīsī 45, 46, 70; Yaqūt 125, 131, 140).
\(^{44}\) Rometta, in the province of Messina in Sicily. See BAS\(^2\) (Muqaddasi 23; Idrīsī 67; Yaqūt 166, 160).
\(^{45}\) An unidentified and otherwise unattested name of a mountain in Sicily. Perhaps it should read Jabal Ibn Qurhub in parallel with Bāb Ibn Qurhub (The Gate of Ibn Qurhub), given elsewhere on the map of Sicily.
\(^{46}\) An otherwise unattested name in Sicily. The name seems to refer to the famous Bēr Barūţah (or Barrūţah) in al-Qayrawān. See also the labels at no. 111 and no. 125.
\(^{47}\) Butera, in the province of Caltanissetta. See BAS\(^2\) (Muqaddasi 22, 24; Idrīsī 48, 60, 61).
\(^{48}\) An otherwise unattested name for a mountain in Sicily.
\(^{49}\) Unattested place-name in Sicily.
\(^{50}\) An unidentified mountain.
\(^{51}\) Modern Caltavuturo in the province of Palermo, outside the city of Palermo and the Palermitano. For Caltavuturo, see BAS\(^2\) (Muqaddasi 23; Idrīsī 64–5, 69).
\(^{52}\) Modern Mineo, in the province of Catania, in Sicily. For Mineo (Arabic Mināw), see BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī 61; Yaqūt 136, 141).
\(^{53}\) Modern Calatrasi or Monte Marafusa, near Roccamena in the middle Belice valley in Sicily. For Calatrasi (Arabic Qalat al-Ṭarzī), see BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī 53, 55; Yaqūt 156). The boundaries of the district (iqal) of Qalat al-Ṭarzī (Latin, Calatrasi), are described in the 1892 Monreale jaridah (Cusa 1868, 200–202, 241–2); the names of its Muslim villagers (al-qānīn) are listed in the jaridah of 1878 and 1878 (ibid., 165–79, 262–2).
\(^{54}\) Unidentified. Possibly an error for Qalat al-Khāzān, a mountain-top fortress between Marineo and Rocca Busambra, for which see BAS\(^2\) (Idrīsī 52, 53).
[068] Unidentified.
[069] A repetition of label no. 068.
[071] Possibly Qarīn, a repetition of label no. 085.
[072] Possibly an error for Bāb al-Ḥajjārīn (The Gate of the Stone Masons).
[073] Possibly the Quarter of the Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb, a district of Palermo south-east of the old City. It was bounded by Piazza San Francesco d’Assisi, and via dei Calderai, Palermo south-east of the old City. It was bounded by Piazza San Francesco d’Assisi, and via dei Calderai.

Monzelabello (in the district of Jāṭū (lato) are described in the Monreale jarīdah of 1182 (Cusa 1868, 192–3, 226). Its Muslim ‘vill·eins’ are listed in the Monreale jarīdah of 1183 (ibid, 253). It lay east of S. Giuseppe Iato and Sancipirello, in the modern comune of Monreale (Nania 1995, 126).

Possibly an error for Qurānīyah, modern Caronia.

Possibly the estate of Jāṭū (lato) which probably lay to the north-west of San Giuseppe Iato. It is mentioned in the 1183 jarīdah of Palermo. The village of Jāṭū is described by Yaqūt (BARΣ, 1: 113) See also label no. 085. We thank Alex Metcalfe for this suggestion and the references.

A repetition of label no. 085.

This is possibly the estate known in Norman Sicily as al-Aqḥāṭ (Cusa 1868, 229). We thank Alex Metcalfe for this suggestion.

Possibly the baths that lay outside the Bāb ‘Ayn Shāfīyā (label no. 107); see Di Giovanni 1882, 1: 270–2.

The Quarter of the Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb, a district of Palermo south-east of the Old City. It was bounded by Piazza Ballarò and Piazza San Francesco d’Assisi, and Via dei Caldera and Via de’ Divisi (De Simone 2000, 90). See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 193.

Possibly the Quarter of the Ironsmiths of Palermo, which lay opposite the Bāb al-Sūdān (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122.). Alternatively, the name of a mountain near Prizzi and Corleone (Cusa 1868, 234).

An important estate, well-attested in Norman Sicily. The boundaries of the estate of Manzil ‘Abd al-Raḥmān (Latin, Bāb al-Hajjārīn (The Gate of the Stone Masons)68
[085] Bāb al-Hajjārīn (The Gate of the Stone Masons)72
[089] Kh-t-b-y-h = ʿAtānīn ?)71
[090] Bāb al-Hajjārīn (The Gate of the Stone Masons)
[091] Manzil Qibṭ (The Estate of Qibṭ [literally, ‘a Cop’t])73
[092] Qalʿat Q-t-r-y-n (The Stronghold of Qiṭrīn [?])
[093] al-Imaʿāh [?]75
[094] Hummām ʿImrān (The Baths of ʿImrān)74
[095] Masjīd Ibn Siqlāb (The Mosque of Ibn Siqlāb)
[096] al-Ghīrī (Spring of S. Giuseppe iato and Sancipirello, in the modern comune of Monreale (Nania 1995, 126).

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A spring in Palermo, modern Sorgente del Gabriele, approximately 5 km west of Palermo, near Boccadifalco. Here it is written simply al-Ghirib, while in the text of Chapter Twelve it is al-fawwārah al-Ghirib. Compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123.
The new ḥarqūliyya (barbican) opposite the Bāb al-Ahnā‘, detached

al-Rahbah [= al-Rahbah] mahdhr [?] (The Rahaba (?), a place of assembly [?])

Ḥammām Sh-l-n-l-d-w-n (The Baths of Sh-l-n-l-d-w-n)

Wādī ‘Abbas; there are several mills from its beginning to its end

Qaṣr al-Silsilah (The Tower of the Chain)

al-Ṣīnā‘ah (The Arsenal)

Qaṣr al-Silsilah (The Tower of the Chain)

Qubbat Sālim manāzil wa-anhār wa-thimār (Qubbat Sālim; estates, rivers, and fruits)

‘Ayn Sughdi [?] (The Spring of Sughdi)

Bāb al-Bahr (The Sea Gate)

Bāb ‘Ayn Shifā‘ (The Gate of the Spring of Healing)

Bāb al-Br‘r (The Gate of the Well)

Bāb Shaghāth (The Gate of ibn Qurhub)

Bāb al-Bi‘r (The Gate of Healing)

Bāb ʿAyn Shifā‘ (The Gate of the spring of Healing)

Bāb Shaghāth (The Gate of ibn Qurhub)

Bāb al-Rūṭah (The Gate of the Well)

Bāb al-Abnā‘ (The spring of the city of Palermo). see ibn Ḥawqal (1938, 119)

Possibly kha‘lā‘, ‘open space’.


One of two towers on either side of the port of Palermo, between which was stretched the chain that controlled passage through the mouth of the harbour. The one to the west is possibly that on the site of the Castellum Maris on the northern side of the harbour.

The Arsenal (in Palermo). Ibn Hawqal 1938, 119, places it within al-Kalā‘ah; it may have lain on the site of Piazza Marina.

One of the two towers on either side of the port of Palermo, between which was stretched the chain that controlled passage through the mouth of the harbour. The one to the East is possibly that in or near al-Kalā‘ah, on the south side of the harbour.

Presumably a suburban village in the Palermitano. The term manāzil was used in Sicily to mean agricultural estate, but also, more generally, rural settlements.

It should perhaps be read as Sa‘dī, in which case it is possibly ‘Ayn Abī Sa‘īd (compare Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123) in al-Ma‘‘askar; this was probably the spring known as Denisiini, which lay between Via Cappuccini and Via Cipressi, the source of the Papineto (De Simone 1968, 165–6).

Most of the gates depicted here are mentioned in the text of the Chapter Twelve above, and identified in the notes there.

‘The Gate of the Spring of Healing’, one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo (see Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122). It lay on or near modern Via Venezia, towards its western end (De Simone 2000: 92).

An otherwise unattested name for one of the gates of the Old City of Palermo.

On this gate and those that follow, see the notes to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above.

On this important kin group, see Metcalfe 2009, 46–48.

Bāb nabīh [?] wa-huwa al-Ahnā‘ (An illustrious gate, which is [the Gate of] the Buildings)

Bāb al-Sūdān (The Gate of the Blacks)

Bāb al-Hadīd (The Gate of Iron)

Bāb Si‘q al-Dajāj (Gate of the Chicken Market)

The Quarter of the Banū Ṭayy, apparently a suburban quarter of Palermo. Alternatively, one could read Banū Lakhmi, as the Banū Lahn (or Lakhm) are well-attested in Norman Palermo.

Unattested. In the sequence of gates shown on the map, it comes between Bāb al-Bahr and Bāb al-Hadīd, a position which corresponds to that of the unnamed gate in the list given by Ibn Hawqal (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 122).

Possibly kha‘lā‘, ‘open space’.

Bā‘at al-Buqūl (‘sellers of the herbs’; the House of ibn al-Shaybānī)
Fountain (The Fountain)

Hānah [ = Ḥarah] tusammā Muṣallan Abū Ḥajar (A Quarter called ‘the Place of Prayer of Abū Ḥajar’)

Qaryat Nizāriyah (The village of Nizāriyah)

al-Bayḍāʿa khatt Ibn al-Majūlah (Baida, the neighbourhood of Ibn Majūlah)

Jabal ‘Ayn al-Bayḍāʿa wa-ʾismhu [ = raʾsuhu ?] | mundamij (The Mountain of the Spring of Baida, and its peak is round ?)

Jabal ‘Ayn al-Bayḍāʿa (The Mountain of the Spring of Baida)


al-Jurf mawdī ṣuʿrafi bi-Masjid Kh-r-y-m-h [= Khuzaymah ?] (al-Jurf, a place known as the Mosque of Khuzaymah ?)

‘Ayn Muʿāfā (The Spring of Muʿāfā)

Ḥārah tuʿrafi bi-Kanīsat ʿĀyn Muʿāfā (A quarter called the Church of rejoicing, populous and thriving)

Ḥārah muttaṣilah bi-hā tuʿrafi bi-Hufrat Ghullān (A quarter contiguous with it known as The Ditch of Ghullān)

‘Ayn al-Sab (The Spring of the Seven)

Jabal al-Ghirbāl wa-ʿalayhi ḏayʿah | yuqāšu ṣahā al-Bayḍāʿa \ wa-al-Ghirbāl al-ʿalā | tawāḥīn (The Mountain of Gabriele, and on it is an estate called Baida; Gabriele feeds mills)

Maṭḥanat al-hinnā (The Henna Mill)

Jabal Abū Qār (The Mountain of Abū Qār)

al-Fawwārah al-Ṣaghīrah tamtazij min al-kabīrah (The lesser Favara, its water are mixed with the greater [Favara])

al-Jāṣūr

Wāḍi al-Sawwārī (The River of the Columns)

al-Fawwārah al-Kabīrah (The greater Favara)

[illegible label; almost entirely obscured by an offset from the opposite page]

[?] (The Spring of al-Qādūs (The Spring of al-Qādūs)

Zuqāq al-Muḥaddithīn (The Alley of the Traditionists)

Ḥārat al-Farīḍah (? (The Quarter of Religious Duty ?)

The East

The West

[127] This may rather be a copyist’s error for ‘Ayn al-tis’, ‘Spring of the Nine’, which lay in al-Mu’askar, to the west of the Old City (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123).

[128] The Mountain of Gabriele, the modern mountain range of Sorge della Gabriele. It lies approximately 5 km west of Palermo, near Boccadifalco. The mountain is presumably Monte Cuccio or one of its eastern spurs, overlooking the village of Baida.

[129] An otherwise unattested mill for grinding the leaves of Lawsonia inermis to produce henna dye. It may have lain near the two Favara Rivers. The mill is shown at the confluence of two water courses, one flowing from the ‘Abū ‘Ali’ All, the other from the two Favaras. See also the grant by Frederick II to Jewish immigrants in 1239 (Huillard-Bréholles 1852, 5:573).

[130] Two springs (the ‘greater’ and the ‘lesser’) bear the name Favara, now called Maredolce or San Ciro—both lie on the coastal plain, 5 km east of Palermo. See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 123.

[131] An otherwise unattested place-name in Sicily, presumably referring to a locality or to structures in the Conca d’Oro. This may be a reference to the bridges over the river Oretto, to the south-east of Palermo.

[132] Either the Fiume Disueri (fiume Gela) in the province of Caltanissetta, or the Imera settentrionale in the province of Palermo. See BAS (Ibri 69, 71); Caracausi 1993, v. 205, 721.

[133] One of the two springs (the ‘greater’ and the ‘lesser’) bear the name Favara, now called Maredolce or San Ciro. See notes to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above, and also label no. 142 above.

[134] See note 13 to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above.
After the Imam Abū ’abdallāh Muḥammad al-Mahdī bi-Allāh,2 commander of the faithful, may God glorify his soul, attained the Caliphate, he resided in Raqqādah, which was at the time the capital of Iفīqiya. The Aghlabid amīrs and their men had fled the city, leaving behind lofty palaces and well-built mansions. Raqqādah was fortified by a wall3 and a trench. Al-Mahdī entered the city, reading the opening verses of Surat al-Ḥashr (The Mustering) on Thursday 19 rabīʿ ii 297 (6 January 910).

Al-Mahdī kept looking for a site to be fortified, as he knew the events that would occur. Finally he found a place which he liked, and he built al-Mahdīyah, the capital of his kingdom, on the peninsula.4 The importance of the city grew, as people moved there from every direction. The peninsula of the city of al-Mahdīyah was surrounded by the sea on all its sides, except the western side. Al-Mahdī then fortified the city with a wall and sturdy iron gates.

He started building the city on Saturday 5 Dhū al-Qaʿdah 303 (11 May 916), when Leo was in the ascendant.5 After he laid the cornerstone at the west of the city, he ordered one of the slaves to shoot an arrow at an angle. The archer shot his arrow and the spearhead landed upright. Then the commander of the faithful said that the ‘man on the donkey’, meaning Abū Yazīd,6 would only reach up to this point. He then told his companions: ‘that moment will be either in the morning or between the afternoon and the evening’.

Al-Mahdī then built his palaces in al-Mahdīyah, and was determined to move there. But the men of the government were reluctant to leave behind the palaces and spacious mansions they inhabited in Raqqādah and to abase themselves by exchanging a prosperous place with a desolate one, so they were slow to move. Then he said: ‘After you have been unwilling, you will be rushing to come here’. A short while later, a succession of heavy rains and harsh winters demolished houses and homes, bringing down roofs and walls. Men of rank then fled to the countryside (al-mahāll) and the mountain paths (al-shiʿāb), and they all came to the commander of the faithful, seeking his permission to move from Raqqādah to al-Mahdīyah—a permission he then granted.

Years then passed by, and Abū Yazīd, may the curse of God be upon him, rose in rebellion. His name was Makhlad ibn Kaydād al-Zanātī. He was born in the land of Sūdān, in the city of Kawkaw (Gao). His mother, called Subaykah,7 was from the tribe of Hawwarāh. He rebelled and eventually became master of the entire [Islamic] West. He went on killing, plundering and taking captives, attracting a greedy riff-raff of Berbers. With their help he attacked cities, destroyed houses, enslaved the free and killed the young and the old. He had three advisors, one called Abū ʿAmmār who was blind, another called Khudār (?) who was lame, and another called Abū Mansūr al-Jahlānī who was blind and pock marked.8 Abū Yazīd acted on their opinion and advice.

The Mahdī, may the peace of God be upon him, passed away on 14 rabīʿ ii 322 (4 March 934).9 His caliphate lasted 25 years, 3 months and 7 days. Sijilmāsah submitted to him on Sunday 7 dhū al-Ḥijja 296 (27 August 909).10 He was 63 [when he died].

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1 The chapter is preserved in copies A and D.
2 Abū ’abdallāh Muḥammad al-Mahdī bi-Allāh (r. 297–322/909–934) was the first caliph of the Fatimid dynasty in North Africa. See EP, art. ‘al-Mahdī ʿubayd Allāh’.
3 MS A: ‘two walls’.
5 For the significance of the sign of Leo being the ascendant, see note 59 to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above.
7 Other sources give her name as Sabikah (EP, art. ‘Abū Yazīd al-Nukkārī’).
8 Abū ʿAmmār the blind was a Nukkārī imām who joined forces with Abū Yazīd early on, and was his chief ally (EP, art. ‘Abū Yazīd al-Nukkārī’). The other two advisors do not appear in parallel accounts.
9 Dates of the Mahdī’s death differ because his death was concealed for over a year by his son and successor al-Qāʾim. Halm establishes the date of death at 14 Rabīʿ i 322 (Halm 1996, 275). For a different date see EP, art. ‘al-Mahdī ʿubayd Allāh’ [F. Dachraoui].
10 Halm establishes the date as 9 Dhū al-Ḥijja 296 (Halm 1996, 133).
The Caliphate then passed to the hands of al-Qāʾīm [bi-Amr Allāh].

He had fled from Abū Yazīd, who gathered an army and destroyed the lands adjacent [to al-Mahdīyah]. He was famous for wearing a woolen cloak with short sleeves and open shoulders through which he would put out his hands, a dirty white turban and riding a grey donkey. He spared no effort in killing men, children and women, so much so that one of the Berbers called Misnawayah Abū Bakr al-Kumlānī12 killed with his own hands five hundred people in one place. The Berbers also laid down 18,000 virgins in one day.

Abū Yazīd’s army consisted of 100,000 cavalry and foot soldiers. He marched to al-Mahdīyah and besieged it, and battles ensued between him and the friends of God [i.e., Fatimid supporters]. The people in al-Mahdīyah perished from hunger, and fled the city, but [Abū Yazīd] gave orders to kill anyone who escaped. It is said that one of the Berbers bought sixty captives for 30 dinars, hoping to find some cash in their bellies. He killed them all but found only 20 dinars. So he ended up losing 10 dinars and killing sixty souls.13

When he [Abū Yazīd] marched to al-Mahdīyah, al-Qāʾīm gave orders to dig a ditch around the suburbs of the city. The accursed [Abū Yazīd] then camped outside the city. Fierce fighting broke out, with victory changing hands during the course of the battle. At one point the accursed one reached the newly dug ditch, up to the prayer place where the arrow shot at the order of al-Mahdī had landed. Muḥammad ibn Qāsim al-Tūnisī recited these lines:14

A blind and a lame coveted kingship
But kingship is at odds with blindness and lameness
They succeeded in manipulating weak minds
Empty of weighty evidence and proofs
They came, their eyes inflicted with rage
And coloured with dust and sand
Oh, you who march with the Devil15
Leading a bunch of riff-raff
Do not rejoice when the king is in dire straits
For the narrow road leads to salvation
How often the inexperienced climbs a ladder
Only to lose his balance halfway

Eventually he (Abū Yazīd) ended up as God had ordained—[with] his arrest, his disgrace and his death by the hands of the commander of the faithful al-Manṣūr bi-Allāh,16 may the peace of God be upon him.

12 For this man, one of the commanders of Abū Yazīd’s army, see Idrīs 1973, 5:215–6. For an alternative reading of the name, see Gharāʾib 2011, 333 (Masbuwiyah).
13 Compare Idrīs 1973, 5:208, for a reference to the Berbers cutting open bellies and wombs of refugees from al-Mahdīyah, looking for hidden money.
15 Al-Dajjāl (or anti-Christ) is commonly used by Fatimid chroniclers to designate Abū Yazīd.
[see fig. 2.9, p. 130, for the Map of al-Mahdiyah, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]

[001] The anchorages from al-Mahdiyah to Sicily

[002] From al-Mahdiyah to a-l-B-r-t-w-l is 30 miles. Then to Sūsah (Sousse) 15 miles

[003] Then [to...]yah is 16 miles. Then to Harāqiyyah (Hergla) is 12 miles

[004] Then to al-Madfūn is 16 miles. Then to al-Marsad is 15 miles

[005] Then to al-Manārah is 12 miles. Then to...ān [= Tūsīhān ?] is 12 miles

[006] Then to Qasarnah [= Qurbah] (Korba) is 12 miles. Then to Qaṣr Saʿd is 17 miles

[007] Then to Qaṣr Labnah is 6 miles. Then to Qaṣr Nūriq [= Marezūq] is 12 miles

[008] Then to Iflaniyyah [= Iqlibiyah] (Kelibia) is 6 miles. Then to the island of Qūsrah is 60 miles

[009] Then to Wādī Māzin [= Māzar] is 80 miles

[010] Then to Raʾs al-Nubuwwah is 18 miles

[011] Then to the island of al-Rāhibah (Favignana) is 6 miles

[012] Then to Aṭrābanish (Trapani) is 12 miles

[013] Then to San Bīt (San Vito) is 18 miles

[014] Then to the city of Māryā is 40 miles

[015] Then to Sicily [i.e., Palermo] is 24 miles

[016] The palaces of the [Fatimid] imams, may peace be upon them

[017] The two gates of the city

[018] If the sea rises and extends [over the mainland], the water then flows below the gate

[019] The harbour

[020] South

[021] West

[022] North

[023] East

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1 MS D, fol. 90a, has an unlabelled and simplified diagram, with the title: This is the map of al-Mahdiyah' (see fig. 0.16, p. 26, in the Introduction). The map in MS A depicts the city in bird’s-eye view, as if seen from the south-west. It is shown surrounded by stone walls. In the south-eastern corner of the map is the entrance to the enclosed inner harbour. Two isolated and rather elaborate buildings are the palaces of the rulers. The representation corresponds closely to the topography of eleventh-century al-Mahdiyah as it appeared to merchants and sailors approaching the harbour, and suggests that the author had first-hand experience of the town. On this unique map, see the discussion in Rapoport 2012.

2 This is in fact an itinerary from Mahdiyah to Palermo. In Arabic and Judaeo-Arabic sources, Palermo is usually Mādisīt Šīqūlīya (Sicily), and others Jūtūsīya (Sicily).

3 B-r-t-w-l is unattested; its position corresponds to Monastir (البريطة) which al-Idrīsī puts 30 miles from al-Mahdiyah, or the nearby settlement of al-Qartîn (الكرطين). The representation corresponds closely to the topography of eleventh-century al-Mahdiyah as it appeared to merchants and sailors approaching the harbour, and suggests that the author had first-hand experience of the town. On this unique map, see the discussion in Rapoport 2012.

4 The first name is illegible and is apparently an anchorage between Sousse and Hergla (ancient Horrea Caesia). According to al-Idrīsī, the distance from Sousse to Hergla is 18 miles (Idrīsī 1970, 302; Idrīsī 1962, 2: 442).


6 Qaṣr al-Manār (modern Qarīnīsah) is the entrance to the enclosed inner harbour. Two isolated and rather elaborate buildings are the palaces of the rulers. The representation corresponds closely to the topography of eleventh-century al-Mahdiyah as it appeared to merchants and sailors approaching the harbour, and suggests that the author had first-hand experience of the town. On this unique map, see the discussion in Rapoport 2012.

7 The twin palaces of the Fatimid imams ‘Abd Allāh and Abū al-Qāsim dominated the landscape of al-Mahdiyah (Idrīsī 1970, 2449).


10 Wādī Māzar is the modern Fiume Mazaro. Al-Idrīsī calls the river at Māzar the Wādī al-Majnūn (Idrīsī 1970, 601).

11 Presumably Capo Bœo. Al-Idrīsī doesn’t mention this cape, but only Marsā ‘Ali, modern Marsala, which he puts 18 miles from Mazzara. Marsala was in ruins before the 1090s: ‘it had been destroyed and had fallen into oblivion, until it was rebuilt by Roger I (Idrīsī 1970, 601, 623).


14 Modern San Vito lo Capo. See also label no. 007 on the map of Sicily above in Chapter Twelve. Al-Idrīsī puts it 25 miles from Trapani (Idrīsī 1970, 625).

15 A town between San Vito lo Capo and Palermo. The name Māryā is likely to be a corruption of Qarīnīs (modern Carini), across the Golfo di Castellammare. Al-Idrīsī puts Qarīnīs 28 miles from Capo San Vito (Idrīsī 1970, 603, 622).

16 Al-Idrīsī puts Palermo 22 to 25 miles from Carini (Idrīsī 1970, 622).

17 The walls of al-Mahdiyah had two large iron gates, at least one facing the mainland (Idrīsī 1962, 2:449).
Muḥammad ibn Ahmad ibn Sālim [= Ibn Bassām], who was the market inspector (muḥtasib) there, mentions in the book he wrote on the description of Tinnīs that it lies in the fourth clime, as is evident from its healthy air and the fineness of the dispositions of its inhabitants and their crafts. In this city, the corpses of the dead do not rot quickly, and the hair does not fall out off the body. Most of those who work there in the production of textiles eat fish and greasy food, and then return to their embroidery and weaving without washing their hands. But nothing of these offensive smells sticks on them; on the contrary, their odour becomes more pleasant and their scent more agreeable. This is a clear indication of the healthiness of the air and the absence of epidemics. They store the waters of the Nile, when it is pure, in cisterns they prepare in advance.

The length of this city, from the northern part, that is the direction of the sea, to the southern part, that is the direction of Mecca, [from the gate known as the Bāb al-Qurt, is 3,227 cubits, in large cubits, each cubit measuring 24 thumbs. Its width] from al-Bāb al-Ṣaghīr (the Small Gate) to the gate known as Dayr Nīyah (?) is 3,085 cubits, in the afore-mentioned cubits. The perimeter of the city walls is 6,275 cubits, which amounts to $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{160}$ miles.\(^4\)

The walls have nineteen gates for entry and exit, one of them plated with copper and the rest plated with iron. There are also two archways leading to two ports, each locked by an iron-plated gate preventing anyone from entering or leaving without permission. The city has 167 mosques and prayer niches, excluding the Friday Mosque.

As for the Friday Mosque, its length from South to North is 112 cubits, while its width from East to West is 71 cubits. The length of the supplementary structure attached to the Friday Mosque and adjoining it is 70 cubits, and its width is 29 cubits. During the month of Ramadan, 3,100 lamps and 250 chandeliers are lit within its premises. On other nights there are 2,800 lamps.\(^5\) Each of the city’s mosques has a minaret.

The city had also 72 churches until they were destroyed by order of al-Ḥākim bi-Amr Allāh\(^6\) in 403 AH (AD 1012–13), and replaced with mosques.

The city had exactly 50 merchant inns and covered markets. Then six large buildings for merchants were constructed in 405 AH (AD 1014–5), making the total 56.

The city has 2,500 shops and 100 presses, employing a varying number of workers, from a minimum of two to a maximum of 20. There are 150 shops that specialize in the sale of cloth and various garments. There are 160 mills, some with one grinding stone, some with two, and some with five stones for husking and kneading. There are 36 public bathhouses, excluding the baths in private residences.

The city has 5,000 weaving looms, employing 10,000 workers, not including the men and women who embroider or adorn clothes. Sealed chests [of cloth] leave the city each year: 1,500 chests (asfāṭ), as well as 1,000 bales (rizam). The royal treasury

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\(^1\) The text of this chapter is preserved in copies A and D, as well as MS C-2. The chapter is identical to a work better known as the Kitāb Anīs al-jalīs fī akhbār Tinnīs (The Companion Guide to the History of Tinnis) and attributed to Muḥammad ibn Ahmad ibn Bassām al-Tinnīsī. The version preserved in MS C-2 has been edited by Jamāl al-dīn al-shayyāl (ibn Bassām 1967). Ibn Bassām is also credited with a manual on market supervision (ḥisba-manual) which used to be dated to the thirteenth century, but this dating has been recently questioned, partly as a result of the discovery of the Book of Curiosities (Gari 2008; see also Lev 1999). Whatever the date of the ḥisba-manual, the history of Tinnīs refers to no event later than the persecution of the Christians of Tinnīs and the destruction of their churches by the Fātimid caliph al-Ḥākim in 403/1012–13. It does not mention any of the disasters that befell Tinnīs during the Crusades, from the mid-sixth/twelfth century onwards, which culminated in the evacuation of the city in 585/1189–90 and its total destruction in 625/1227. On the history of Tinnīs, see EP, art. ‘Tinnīs’.

\(^2\) In MS C-2, the author is identified as Shams al-Dīn Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn al-Bassām al-Tinnīsī. The name Ibn Sālim is probably a misreading of Ibn Bassām.

\(^3\) Omitted line completed by MS C-2.

\(^4\) Assuming 4000 cubits for one mile, the calculation is correct.

\(^5\) MS D: ‘380 lamps’.

\(^6\) Al-Ḥākim bi-Amr Allāh (reg. 386–411/996–1021), the sixth Fatimid caliph, made famous because of his persecutions, particularly of the Christians, and because of the divine character that certain of his supporters attributed to him. See EP, art. ‘al-Ḥākim bi-Amr Allāh’.
has right to 400 chests of textiles. The city produces cloth, the like of which is not to be seen elsewhere: woven gilded cloths that look as if they were sown, selling for 1,000 dinars each; headaddresses, selling 500 dinars each; sofas (marāṭīb), selling for 1,000 dinars each;7 canopies; robe-sized cloth (maġāţi’);8 beds; curtains; velvet cloth (muḵamalat);9 eye-figured cloth; dabīqi silk cloth embroidered with silver (siqlāṭṭūn);10 dabīqi uni-colored cloth (muṣmat);11 tabby cloth (‘attābi’);12 and other things which cannot be described.

As for the suburbs of the city, which surround its walls: To the West, the arsenal and Palace of the Governor. Between them are the bathhouses for men and two large courtyards to which goods are brought from near and far.

In this suburb one finds the Great Diwān, consisting of several government departments. It has water wheels for carrying water, when fit to drink, to the cisterns and bathhouses of this city. One finds there also gypsum mills, lime kilns and the royal stables.

The southern suburb has several water wheels carrying water to the cisterns and the bathhouses, and countless number of shacks. There one finds the Fishing Diwān and the fishermen's storehouses. Near this suburb there are saline lands that produce salt of unsurpassed brightness, flavour and quantity.

The eastern suburb has water wheels to carry water to the bathhouses.13

The northern suburb has mosques, churches as well as drying-yards for bleaching clothes and many carved beating-stones for beating and cleaning them. It also contains grounds for bow shooting and two prayer places, one for funeral processions and the other for the prayers of the two major Muslim celebrations (‘ʿadān).

The boats for fishing in the lake have various names, including: ḥarrāqāt (fire-boats),14 ḫabāṭrāt (epaktra boats),15 qanīyat (?),16 al-sadd (dam-boats ?), ṭarrāḥīn, jarājīn (?), bārīyyat, marākīb al-tūrāḥ (canal-boats), [marākīb] al-fallāḥīn (peasant-boats), [marākīb] al-tabbāḥīn (cook-boats), marākīb al-qawd (ferries),17 marākīb al-duqq, marākīb al-maḍārib, [marākīb] al-qarīdis (shrimpcatchers boats), [marākīb] al-labbā⏲ (mullet-catchers boats ?),18 and marākīb al-dawr—a total of 372 boats. The biggest can have 60 men on board, the smallest only three. Sometimes these boats catch fish that are then sold for 100 dinars or more.


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7 A marāṭīb was a sofa-like mattress (Qaddūmī 1996, 428).
8 See Qaddūmī 1996, 428.
9 See Qaddūmī 1996, 431.
10 Dabīq was a locality in the outer suburbs of Damietta noted for the manufacture of high quality woven material. During the Fatimid period it emerged as a centre for the production of fine cloths embossed with gold, and its name came to designate the type of material, which was later manufactured in many localities outside Dabīq, including Tinnīs (EP, art. ‘Dabīq’; see also Qaddūmī 1996, 419). Siqlāṭṭūn (Siglaton) is silk cloth embroidered with silver.11 For muṣmat, see Qaddūmī 1996, 432.
11 The English ‘tabby’ (Latin tabība) refers to the type of multi-coloured cloth first produced in the ‘Attabiyah quarter of Baghdad; black and white cloth (Dozy 1880, 235; Qaddūmī 1996, 417).
12 MS D, and also on the area of the eastern suburb in the map of Tinnīs on the next folio in MS A: ‘water wheels to carry water to the cisterns and the bathhouses, and another Fishing Diwān’.

14 The ḥarrāqāt (literally, fire-boat), was originally a warship, but was later used as a passenger carrying craft in Mesoopotamia and on the Nile. In Fatimid and Mamluk periods it was used to carry royal processions and official ceremonies (Māhir 1967, 339–40; Agius 2008, 529ff; EP, art. ‘Safīna’).
15 The ḫabāṭrāt, Arabic rendering of the Greek epaktra, was a type of fishing boat mentioned by Latin sources during the Crusades (Māhir 1967, 328).
16 Reading uncertain; possibly qanīyat.17 The name marākīb al-qawd refers to a type of boat used for crossing rivers, similar to shakhtāris and ma‘ādī (Nukhayfi 1974, 130).
18 Labt, pronounced lebt is a local name in Lake Manzala for the common grey mullet (Oman 1974, no. 3). In this context, labbātim could mean the ‘mullet-catchers’, Jamāl al-Din al-Shayyāl amends to al-labbātim, ‘the milkmen’ (Ibn Bassām 1967).
19 Common grey mullet (Oman 1974, 375). This popular fish was named after a medieval village near Tinnīs called Būrah (See Ghurāḥ ib 2011, 347; citing Maqrīzī 2002, 289).
20 According to Boulenger, lebt is the local name at Lake Manzala for the būrī males in breeding condition (Boulenger 1907, 432).
21 Oman 1974, 376. This was a species of Grey Mullet (Mugil Capito) abundant in Lake Manzala (Boulenger 1907, 434).
22 Sparus Auratus (gilthead), or Sparus Spinifer (Oman 1992:14).
23 Possibly variant of al-fish, a Nile fish described by al-Idrīsī. It has been identified as the Alosa Fallax Nilotica (Oman 1992:7).
24 Boulenger notes that at lake Manzala, the common name for the genus is shabār, and the Tilapia Nilotica is called shabār abyed (Boulenger 1907, 528).
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Five hundred qawārīb (boats), kamāʾim and ʿushāriyyāt (skiffs) arrive at the city from the Syrian coasts each year, most of them in the autumn convoy (salībīyyah) and the spring convoy. There are also innumerable ships that arrive from Cairo, Upper Egypt, Alexandria and the further regions of the Delta; among other things, they bring the city various kinds of select fruit.

The city has two large open-air cisterns, which belong to ʿUmar ibn Ḥafṣ. The western one consists of twenty-one containers (bayt) and the eastern one of eighteen containers. There is also a covered cistern in the centre of the city built by ʿAbd al-ʿAzīz al-Jarwī. The cistern gets its water from a water-wheel consisting of 60 buckets (qādūs), working day and night for two whole months. When each bucket is unloaded, it can fill 1,000 water jars, each jar having a load of measures (aqsāt) of water. Therefore, the capacity of the cistern is 3,600,000 jars. The clerk (kātib) of this man [i.e., of ʿAbd al-ʿAzīz al-Jarwī] has also a cistern, but a smaller one. Ibn Ṭūlūn has built three cisterns, one near the market and another one in the supplementary structure adjacent to the Friday Mosque.

Each year the inhabitants of Tinnīs require 200,000 irdabb of foodstuffs, including wheat, barley and legumes. We have calculated that a Persian threshing floor grinds six irdabbīs daily, each irdabb consisting of 96 qadah. If you multiply this number of qadahs by the total number of irdabbīs and waybas ground in the city, and then allow one qadah per person as daily sustenance, the total population of the city adds up to 50,000 souls.

An additional number of irdabbīs, the exact amount fluctuating from year to year, is stored away by weavers who prepare grits of sun-dried bread for the winter season and its shorter days, and therefore have no need to grind it.

No dangerous animal or lethal reptile is found in its waters, its lands or its plants.

This city was founded when Pisces was on the ascendant. The ruler of Pisces is Jupiter, the sign of ultimate felicity, while Venus is in exaltation. For this reason the people of the city are full of joy and happiness. They listen to music, are always delightful, seek comfort and shun anything that causes toil and hardship. They are fond of painting, drawing, embroidery, and dyeing. They do not get irritated when travelling, are tactful with their companions and do their utmost for their friends, give generously to those who ask for their help, and are fond of foreigners and travellers. They are constantly cheerful and satisfied with their livelihoods and their profits, never jealous of their friend or rebuking him for his mistakes, but rather praise and honour him, while reproaching themselves for not fulfilling all his needs.

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36 The modern names are abū bulaq or ablaq (Maʿlūf 1932).
37 ʿUshāriyyāt were small boats used to carry passengers and freight from larger boats to the shore, also used as life-boats (Nukhayli 1974, 95ff.; Agius 2008, 303, 309ff.).
38 The salībīyyah was the autumn convoy, the name derived from the Coptic Nile celebrations of the Cross on 26–27 September (Dozy 1881, 134p).
39 ʿAbd al-ʿAzīz al-Jarwī (d. 205/820) was an abbasid general who settled in Tinnīs in 197/813, and made it the capital of an abbasid al-ʿarīḍ (Maʿlūf 1932).
40 In MS D only: ‘a load of nineteen measures of water’.
41 Or, following the reading in Ibn Bassām 1997: ‘the author of this work’, i.e., Ibn Bassām himself.
42 Ahmad ibn Ṭūlūn (d. 270/884), the ruler of Egypt and the founder of the Tūlūnid dynasty (EP, art. ‘Ahmad ibn Ṭūlūn’). On the heaving of these cisterns following Ibn Ṭūlūn’s visit to the city, see EP, art. ‘Tinnīs’; on the results of modern excavations into the water supply of the city, see Gascoigne 2007.
The city was built by Tinnis, daughter of Šā ibn Tadārus (Theodorus), one of the kings of the Copts. The lake used to be covered with gardens, cut through with Nile-fed canals running between inhabited villages and bountiful agriculture, until the sea overcame it. The sea had overflowed and penetrated via the Mouth of al-Ushtūm, inundating its lands and villages. The lower lands were submerged under the sea, while the high hills, like Tinnis, Tūna and other places that have remained, have not been submerged and stayed as they were. This inundation occurred a century before the advent of Islam. Al-Mas’ūdi, in his Meadows of Gold, claims that sea can turn into land. We have witnessed this happen in our age, and this shows that he was correct, as happened also with lands along the al-Jifār road [along the northern coast of the Sinai peninsula] that have been overcome by the sea. This is what the Almighty and All-knowing has decreed.

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48 Compare al-Maqrizi, who claims that the city was founded by Flimûn, who ruled after Queen Theodora. In al-Maqrizi’s account, Šā was the name of another of the mythical Egyptian kings, the uncle of Flimûn and the founder of an eponymous city (Maqrizi 2002, 1:476, 1:493).

49 The Arabic equivalent of the Greek stoma (στόμα), meaning the mouth or entrance into a bay (Ibn Ḥawqal 1873, 873, 90).

50 Compare Mas’ūdi 1962, 2:74–6; Maqrizi 2002, 1:478. See also Book Two, Chapter Six, above, where the author repeats much of the same material.

51 Al-Jifār was the northern part of the Sinai Peninsula along the coasts of the Mediterranean, and a principal route between Palestine and Egypt. See EP, art. ‘al-Tih’.
The diameter of the lake is 40 miles. All its outlets are shallow, except the outlet of Yustūmānah (Modern Port Said), which is more than 30 fathoms (bāʿ) deep. The depth of the rest of lake is no more than a fathom (qāmah), being deeper only at that place.

In this suburb there are mosques and churches and drying-yards for bleaching clothes, and an engraved stone for beating the garments and cleaning them. The grounds for bow shooting are also in this suburb.

In this suburb there are two prayer houses, one for funeral processions and the other for the holiday prayers.

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In this suburb there are waterwheels for carrying water to the cisterns and the bathhouses, and a large Fishing Diwān.

Here are countless shacks.

Port of entry for ships.

Port for ships, with a gate.

In this suburb are the arsenal, the Palace of the Governor, two large courtyards for goods and the Great Diwān, consisting of several dīwāns.

The Greek Sea (The Mediterranean).

This is the lake.

Water channels.
It is not our intention in this book to describe the remaining inhabited islands, as the aim of the book is only to give a short summary of each science (fann), and facilitate its understanding. In our [other] book called al-Muḥīṭ (The Comprehensive) we have included a description of all the islands of the seas, as many as possible and as much as is known to us. May God heed the desire of those who humbly ask Him for success.

[see fig. 2.11, p. 115, for the Map of Cyprus, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]²

[001] The map of the island of Cyprus and its harbours

[002] The length of the island is 45 farsakhs and its width 22 farsakhs. At one end it faces Andria and at the other Latakia

[003] When Junādah, a tribesman of the Banū Umayyah, conquered the island, the terms of his treaty with the inhabitants were that they pay 14,400 dinars, a third of which was paid in kind, a third in cash and the rest deferred. This happened during the reign of Mu`awiyyah ibn Abī Sufyān.³

[004] [...] from this island gum mastic, ládhan, dry and fresh storax, vitriol, blue-green vitriol, white vitriol, and all other provisions imported from Byzantium⁴

[005] The anchorage and port of Bāfus (Paphos); a ruined fortress; protects from all the winds except the Frankish wind; it can accommodate one hundred (?) and fifty ships⁵

[006] The anchorage of Bāliyā Bāfus (Palai Paphos); protects from the Euros wind⁶

[007] The anchorage of al-Iṭriṭūs (Trousos); protects from the Boreas (north) and the Euros winds⁷

[008] The anchorage of Qārah (Curia); protects from the Euros wind, while the Boreas wind fills the sails⁸

[009] The anchorage of Ra’s al-‘Abbās; protects from the Boreas wind, while the Notos wind fills the sails (?)⁹

[010] […] of jurjis which has a church; protects from all the winds; it can accommodate one hundred (?) and fifty ships¹⁰

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¹ The chapter is found in copies A and D, although MS D, fol. 109b, has only a simplified diagram with the same title and no labels (for the latter, see fig. 6.17, p. 27, in the Introduction above). Parallel material, without the title and the introduction, is in MS C-2, fols. 74b⁰–77a⁰.

² The island is represented by a square surrounded on all four sides by a strip of sea. The square is subdivided internally by straight lines into 36 rectangular boxes. The boxes—even those in the middle of the square—represent the island’s harbours, and provide topographic details, such as churches, the number of ships that may be accommodated, and the protection they offer with respect to the named winds. MS D, fol. 109b, has a simplified diagram with the same title but with no labels. For discussion of this map of Cyprus, see Rapoport 2011.

³ Junādah ibn Abī Umayyah al-Azdi was a naval commander under the first Umayyad caliph, whose name is associated with raids on Rhodes and Crete in the 670s. See EI², art. ‘Rodos’, ‘Ibritish’.

⁴ For other accounts of goods from Cyprus, see Ibn Hawqal 1873, 137 (mastic and storax, as well as silk and flax). Al-Ḥimyarī also mentions vitriol and ládhan in connection with Cyprus (Himyari 1975, 454).

⁵ Paphos or Nea Paphos, on the western coasts of Cyprus. The author of the late-antique Stadiasmus devotes a section to the circumnavigation of Cyprus, which follows two itineraries starting from the Akamas Promontory at the north-west of the island, one proceeding clockwise and one anti-clockwise to Paphos. He also provides comparable detail on anchorage, water and winds, as well as on distances between harbours Paphos is described as accessible with all winds and with a temple of Aphrodite (Nordenskiöld 1897, 12, no. 297/298). See also Barrington 2000, (Nea) Paphos. The manuscript has ‘950 ships’, which is almost certainly a mistake for ‘it can accommodate (yasaʿuʾ) one hundred and fifty ships’. No anchorage could have accommodated 950 ships.

⁶ Palai Paphos, modern Kouklia, on the south-west coast. See Nordenskiöld 1897, 12, nos. 299/300 (Palaepaphos); Barrington 2000 (Palai Paphos).

⁷ The Trousos promontory mentioned in the Stadiasmus; see Nordenskiöld 1897, no. 300/301 (Tretous). It is located near modern Avdimou on the south-west coast. See Barrington 2000 (Trousos).

⁸ Kurion, west of the Curias/Kourias promontory, modern Akrotiri. See Nordenskiöld 1897, no. 301/302 (Curiaiemum); Barrington 2000 (Kourion).

⁹ Probably the Curias/Kourias promontory, modern Akrotiri. Barrington 2000 (Kourias).

¹⁰ Probably Hagios Georgios, a monastery east of modern Limassol, on the southern coast of Cyprus (we owe this identification to Johannes Koder). The manuscript has ‘950 ships’; see note 5 above.
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Cyprus (see Chapter Ten, Book Two).

Also named on the Mediterranean map as one of twelve ports in between the Dades Promontory and Citium along the south coast of Cyprus. The church may be the existing Panagia angeloktisi in the town of Kiti. See Hein 1998, 127; Barrington 2000 (Dades Promontory, near modern Larnaka. See Barrington 2000 (Konstantia).

It (the anchorage of Akraia) is opposite Latakia [on the Syrian coast]; between it and the island of Rhodes there is a sailing distance of one day and one night.

The anchorage of Akraia (Akraia), an anchorage, protects from the Nots and the Boreas winds; between it and Latakia there is a sailing of one night.

The Name of the remainder of its harbours.

The ancient port of Makaria on the northern coast of Cyprus. It is possibly an Arabic rendering of Palaia or Palaea, a settlement on the coast of Cyprus mentioned in late antique sources (Nordensköld 1897, 12, nos. 305 and 306; Barrington 2000, 72). This anchorage (written as Al-Makaria) is also named on the Mediterranean map as one of twelve ports in Cyprus (see Chapter Ten, Book Two).

The Name of the remainder of its harbours.

11 Constantia, better known as Salamis, was a late-antique important port in eastern Cyprus, north of modern Famagusta. See Nordensköld 1897, 12, nos. 305 and 306 (Salamis); Barrington 2000 (Konstantia).

12 The Arabic form of the late-antique coastal settlement Ammochostus, in the location of modern Famagusta. The late-antique author of the "Stadiasmus" says: 'a deserted town with harbour accessible with all winds, but with low rocks at entrance. Beware!' (Nordensköld 1897, 12, no. 304). See Barrington 2000 (Ammochostos).

13 Identified. This anchorage (written as B-y-a-w-n) is also named on the Mediterranean map as one of twelve ports in Cyprus (see Chapter Ten, Book Two).

14 The River Basileus (in Greek, 'king') on the south-east coast of Cyprus, west of the Dades Promontory. Though the toponym does not occur in Greek sources until the 13th century, the legend of St Helena, who gave her name to the river (where she allegedly arrived with a relic of the True Cross) is attested since the early 12th century. We thank Tassos Papacostos for this information. In late medieval portolan maps, it is also known as the Vakilpatamos, a name with the same meaning (Campbell 1984).

15 Probably Larnaka (modern Larnaka), where a church dedicated to Leo the Wise was built circa AD 900, on the site of the supposed grave of Lazarus. See Barrington 2000 (Larnaka); Hein 1998, 127; Barrington 2000 (Dades Promontory, near modern Larnaka. See Barrington 2000 (Kition).

16 The Classical Citium (or Kition), north-east of the Dades Promontory, near modern Larnaka. See Barrington 2000 (Kition).

17 Uncertain reading. Unidentified anchorage, apparently between the Dades Promontory and Citium along the south-east coast of Cyprus. This anchorage, written as a-l-gh-r-y-a-s; protects from the Nots and the Boreas winds.

18 The anchorage of Bula,bah; protects from the Frankish and the Ebroes winds, but the Nots.

19 Wind is to be feared; water [that is, fresh water] is distant from it.

20 The anchorage of Akrubunah (= Akrubunah), large, protects from all winds; between it and Syria there is sailing of one day and part of a night.

21 The anchorage of Akraia (Akraia), an anchorage, protects from the Nots and the Boreas winds; between it and Latakia there is a sailing of one night.

22 It [the anchorage of Akraia] is opposite Latakia [on the Syrian coast]; between it and the island of Rhodes there is a sailing distance of one day and one night with the Boreas wind.

23 The names of the remainder of its harbours.

24 The anchorage of Al-Quray (Akraia); protects from the Nots and the Boreas winds.

25 The anchorage of Karfusiyah (Karpasia); protects from the Frankish and the Nots and the Boreas winds.

26 The anchorage of Al-Hadi ('or Al-Khasa); protects from the Nots and the Boreas winds.

27 The anchorage of Al-Aphrodisias (Aphrodision); protects from the Nots wind.

28 The anchorage of Al-Baljarah (= Al-Malakhara) (Makaria); protects from all winds except the wind of the bay.
The anchorage of Lābis (Lapethos); protects from the Notos wind and the Frankish wind; it is opposite ⟨. . .⟩ l-Ḥadīd

The anchorage of Sulīs (Soloi); protects from the Notos wind; in it are the ships of the merchants of Cyprus

The anchorage of Aqamah (Akamas); protects from the Boreas and the Euros winds; it is the beginning of the island

The anchorage of a-l-t-b-s [or a-l-b-t-s]; protects from the Notos and the Boreas winds

Lapethos or Lapithos on the northern coast of Cyprus. The word al-Ḥadīd (literally ‘iron’, or possibly al-jadīd, ‘new’) is the second part of a name of another locality, probably in southern Anatolia. In the Ṣtadiasmos Lapethos was described as ‘a city with an anchorage’ (Nordenskiöld 1897, 12, no. 314). See also Barrington 2000 (Lapethos).

The Greek settlement of Soloi, on the northern side of Cyprus in the modern Morphou Bay. In the Ṣtadiasmos (Nordenskiöld 1897, 12, no. 311) it was described as a ‘city without a harbour’. See Barrington 2000 (Soloi).

The Akamas promontory, modern Cape Akamas. In the Ṣtadiasmos, it is the starting point for two coastal itineraries (Nordenskiöld 1897, 12, nos. 297 and 309). See also Barrington 2000 (Akamas).

Unidentified anchorage on the western coasts of Cyprus, possibly around Cape Drepanum.
The Island of Crete

Junādah ibn Abī Umayyah raided it in the reign of al-Walīd (reg. 86–96/705–715), and conquered some of it but then was called back. The island was then raided by Maʿyūf al-Hamdānī during the reign of al-rashīd (reg. 170–193/786–809), and he conquered some of it. Then, during the caliphate of al-Maʾmūn, the island was raided by abū Ḥafṣ ʿumar ibn ʿĪsá al-andalusī, also known as al-iqrīṭishī [the Cretan]. He began by taking one fortress and settling in it, and then went on to gradually conquer the entire island.¹

The Island of Rhodes

Junādah ibn Abī Umayyah al-azdī raided Rhodes and took it by force, as it was a jungle in the middle of the sea, in the year 52 h [AD 672]. Rhodes is about 60 miles in length. It is amongst the most fertile of the islands, having rivers, trees, sweet water and vineyards. He [Junādah] remained on the island for seven years.² The length of the island is 50 miles, and it is 20 miles at its widest point. The harbour is found in the west of the island, and it gives protection from every wind. There is water in the harbour.

The Island of Sardinia

The circumference of this island is 300 miles.

The island of Corsica’s circumference is 200 miles.

All in all, there are 162 large inhabited [and uninhabited] islands in the Mediterranean, but we have confined ourselves to a few so that the book would not be longer than intended. We have given a full list of the islands and detailed descriptions of their inhabitants in our other book, al-Muḥīṭ. Success comes from God.

Now in ruins, it used to be one of the most prosperous islands. Junādah ibn Abī Umayyah conquered it. It had a city called Arwād, built by King Rodos. It had 21 churches, 7 talismans (ṭilasmāt) and a spring called ‘Abū Qālis, revealer of mysteries’. Whoever drinks from it on the morning of a Friday that falls on the 3rd of April will understand the language of birds and wild animals and all mysteries.⁴

The Island of Ḥarkah (Halki)⁵

Lies 20 miles to the west of Rhodes. The island is 15 miles long and 5 miles wide. It faces the large Trakhiyah (Tracheia) Bay⁶ and is 30 miles from the mainland. It has an inhabited fortress.⁷

The Island of Thīlū (Tilos)⁸

Lies 10 miles to the west of the island of Ḥarkah (Halki), and 30 miles from the mainland. It faces the large Trakhiyah (Tracheia) Bay. It is 20 miles long from East to West, 6 miles wide, and has an occupied fortress.

We have described those Mediterranean islands that can be easily memorized by anyone who wishes to do so. Now we will mention, God willing, some of the islands of the Eastern Sea [the Indian Ocean].

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¹ On the early Arab attempts to conquer Crete see EI², art. ‘iḳrīṭish’. Abū Ḥafṣ founded a dynasty which ruled over Crete between 212/827 and 350/961 (EI², art. ‘Abū Ḥafṣ ʿumar b. Shuʾāyb al-Ballūṭī’).
² On the history of the early Arab conquest of the island, see Bosworth 1996.
³ The island of Ruwād, more usually called Arwād in medieval Arabic sources, is the classical Arados, a small island off the Syrian coast at Tartūs (classical Antaradus). The island was conquered by the Arabs c. 29/650. See Conrad 1992, 317–401. Earlier scholars identified Arwād as the peninsula of Cyzicus, on the southern shore of the Sea of Marmara (For example, EP², art. “Ikrīṭish”). The island is illustrated in Barrington 2000, 68. It was also indicated earlier on the map of the Mediterranean, label no. 076, in Chapter Ten of Book Two above.
⁴ The oracle anecdote is not mentioned in other accounts of the island (see Yaqūt 1866, 1162; Idrīsī 1970, 1375). A story about a spring that emerges from the sea shelf near the island is found in classical sources (Conrad 1992, 319–20).
⁵ North of Rhodes in the southern Aegean. Also indicated on the map of the Mediterranean, label no. 148, in Chapter Ten of Book Two above.
⁶ Tracheia was the Byzantine name for gulfs on the eastern side of the Darāṣya peninsula, to the north of Rhodes. See label no. 036 on the map of the Mediterranean in Chapter Two above, and the opening diagram in Chapter Sixteen, below.
⁷ MS D adds here entries for the Indian Ocean islands or peninsulas of al-Shakhs, Kalak and Milī; MS C-2 omits the entries for Halki and Tilos, and adds an entry for the island of al-Shakhs.
⁸ In the southern Aegean. See label 142 on the map of the Mediterranean in Chapter Ten of Book Two.
Situated between Sarandib and Kalahi in the lands of India. Its inhabitants are black and go around naked. If any foreigner falls into their hands they tie him upside down, cut him up and eat him raw. There are a great number of them. They subsist on fish, bananas, coconuts and sugar cane. They live in forests, thickets and caves that are found on the island.\footnote{The name has no parallel in the Arabic texts on south-east Asia. But clove, which is described here as the main export of the island, suggests that these are the Moluccas. Tibbetts argues that the Moluccas were the only source of clove in the early medieval period. Islands producing clove are also described by Sharaf al-Zamān Ṭāhir al-Marwazī (d. after 514/1120), while other authors refer more generally to the Islands of the Spices (Tibbetts 1979, 179–81).}

The island of Maljân\footnote{Compare the account in Akhbār al-Ṣīn wa-al-Hind, written 236/851 (Sauvaget 1948, 10 no. 18), on which this description is undoubtedly based. The island is probably one of the islands within the Nicobar group of islands in the Bay of Bengal (Tibbetts 1979, 155).}

One of the islands of the Zanj. Its inhabitants are a black people called Būmiyyūn.\footnote{They wear waist-wrappers, and engage in piracy. Their weapons are swords and spears, and they eat whomever they lay their hands on.} They are 18 farsakhs long and 12 farsakhs wide.

The island of Abarkāwān (Qishm)\footnote{Compare the account in Aḥbār al-Ṣīn wa-al-Hind, written 236/851 (Sauvaget 1948, 10 no. 18), on which this description is undoubtedly based. The island is probably one of the islands within the Nicobar group of islands in the Bay of Bengal (Tibbetts 1979, 155).} One of the islands in the Sea of Basra. This island has several strongholds and fortresses, including the Fortress of the Christians, the Crystal Fortress, the Fortress of the Arabs inside the island, the Fortress of ‘Amr, the Fortress of Qishm on the shore, the Fortress of Masar (?), the Fortress of Karkhān, and the Fortress of Abū Dustān. These are the most well-known fortresses on this island. It has several bays where ships can anchor safely, and there is abundant water and firewood. Its inhabitants belong to the Ibāḍī sect. It has fine pearl fisheries. The island is 18 farsakhs long and 12 farsakhs wide.

\textbf{The island of Al-Āzīl (the Moluccas ?)}

Its inhabitants are black. Clove is found only there, as these people grind it so that it will not grow in any other land. Mace grows there as well. It is followed by the island of Atwārān, which has monkeys as big as camels, fearsome and lion-like.\footnote{Abarkāwān is the Persian name of the island of Qishm, located off the shore of Kirmān at the entrance to the Persian Gulf. The island prospered when the major trade routes passed through the region, but was desolate by the 13th century. Arab geographers often deformed the name to Ibn Kāwān, or otherwise call it al-Lātīf. See Sauvaget 1948, 7 (no. 13), 10 (no. 17); Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 11 (Ibn Kāwān); Hūdūd 1357, 190 (Lātīf); Ibn Hawqal 1873, 183 (Barkāwān, Lātīf); Mas‘ūdī 1862, 1329 (no. 253) (Bani Kāwān); Īdrisī 1970, 1364, 41 (Ibn Kāwān); Yaqūt 1886, 4342 (Lātīf); Himyarī 1975, 9. See EI, art. ‘Kishm’; Encyclopaedia Iranica, 1/3, art. ‘Abarkāvān’ (M. Kasheff). The wealth of information provided by our author is not found in any of the sources cited above.}
THE ISLAND OF SARANDIB (SRI LANKA)\(^{20}\)

This is a great land on the equator, with several great cities, located in the Bay of Bengal.\(^{21}\) It is ruled by two kings, and is inhabited by members of every nation. There is the Mountain of al-Rahûn, which is the place where Adam, may the Blessings of God be upon him, fell [from Heaven]. The trace of his foot is in the rock, but it has now been submerged by water, so anyone wishing to observe it needs to dive in order to see it. Fish as red as blood surround [the trace], and whoever eats this fish dies instantly. In Sarandib there are plantations of aloes-wood of unparalleled quality, and mines of gold, as well as of red, yellow and blue corundum, mines of diamonds, and corundum-like stones.

It has is a mountain, called al-Funṣūr, where the camphor tree and the musk deer grow.\(^{22}\) In one of its cities, called Abbah [= Aghbâ] (Arriqû), there is a great house in the shape of a moon-like idol, which they worship.\(^{23}\) The idol is made of pure gold, and [ibn] Thawâbah\(^{24}\) mentioned in his book that it weighs 200 camel-loads of gold, each camel-load being 400 pounds.

No other country on the face of the Earth equals the wealth of Sri Lanka. Its people sail the seas. One of nations on the island rebelled, and they began to maltreat the merchants and extort them following a period of tranquility, causing the island to fall into ruin. The city of Mandura Patan, the enemy of Sri Lanka, has therefore prospered.\(^{25}\) There are only a few miles separating Sri Lanka from Mandura Patan, which is surrounded by the sea from the South, West and East.

It is the custom of the kings of Sri Lanka that when the king dies, all his entourage immolate themselves\(^{26}\) so that only the body of the king remains. Then they place the dead king on a cart, leaving his head to dangle down from the rear end. Then they lead the wagon around the markets, a woman sweeps dirt on his hair, and a herald cries: ‘Oh you who cherish this world and its vanities, look at the king of whom we were afraid, for kingship protected him from nothing’.\(^{27}\)

THE ISLAND OF SOCOTRA\(^{28}\)

It is 80 miles long, and has three cities. Its inhabitants are Christians, of the Nestorian sect. They are excessively [lecherous]. They use decapitation as method of punishment. They are generally under the rule of east African pirates. This island is the source of the Socotran aloe, which is pressed from plants found there. The island is near the cities of the Zanj and near a land called Mathkîh.\(^{29}\)

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\(^{20}\) On the accounts of Sri Lanka by Arab geographers, see \textit{EI}\(^{2}\), art. ‘Sarandib’. The account here is mostly taken verbatim from the \textit{Abkûrân al-Šîn wa-al-Ḥind}, written 236/853 (Sauvaget 1948, 4).

\(^{21}\) Bahr al-Harkand, a term that for some writers encompassed not only the waters around Sri Lanka but also the waters between the Laccadives and Malâbah and even as far as Sumatra (Râmû). Similar but slightly different terms also occur; see Tibbetts 1979, 731 and \textit{Huddâd} 1970, 241 no. 7.

\(^{22}\) Other authors locate Funsûr or Qunsûr, source of the camphor tree and the origin of its name, in the island of Râmî (Sumatra); see Tibbetts 1979, 140–1; Sauvaget 1948, 4 (no. 6); Mas‘ûdî 1962, 1,810 (no. 571). Ibn al-Bayṭâr (d. 848/1248) attributes to al-Mas‘ûdî the erroneous claim that Funsûr is in Sri Lanka (Ferrand 1913, 288).

\(^{23}\) Khwârâzmî 1246, 3 (2): ‘A-’x-a, the city of the Moon in the island of Sarandîb’; Khwârâzmî 1246, 97 (1496): ‘A-’n-a, city of the Moon’. Identified by Kennedy as modern Arriqû, in Sri Lanka (Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 16; see also Ducène 2009).

\(^{24}\) Ibn Thawâbah was an important family of Abbasid administrators, of Christian origin, who held office in the 3rd/9th century in Baghdad (\textit{EI}\(^{2}\), art. ‘Ibn Thawâbah’). Ibn al-Nadîm reports that he has seen a work of geography written by a member of this family. See the discussion in \textit{Gharâ’ûb} 2011, 63–64.

\(^{25}\) Al-Mas‘ûdî says that he discussed the relations between the kings of Sri Lanka and that of Mandurîn (?) in his general history, but says no more about this place (Mas‘ûdî 1962, 208 no. 441). Ferrand (Ferrand 1913, 107) and Pellat identified this as a corruption of Mandura Patan in south India. See also \textit{Huddâd} 1937, 244; Schwartzberg 1992, IV, 2, ‘Madura’.

\(^{26}\) The translation follows the version of this account in Ibn al-Faqîb 1885, 10, MS D has ‘take leave’ (\textit{akhrajû anfusahum}).

\(^{27}\) Compare the \textit{Abkûrân al-Šîn wa-al-Ḥind}, written 236/853 (Sauvaget 1948, 22 no. 51), which is the probable origin of the story. See also Mas‘ûdî 1962–5, 1,293 (no. 175), and a shorter version in Ibn al-Faqîb 1885, 10. MS D adds here an entry for the island of \textit{al-‘Aql}, between Ethiopia and the Yemen.

\(^{28}\) Little is known on Socotra from Arab geographers (\textit{EI}\(^{2}\), art. ‘Sukuita’). This entry has some new information, like the Nestorian affiliation of the inhabitants and their rule by African pirates. Compare Muqaddâsî 1877, 14; Mas‘ûdî 1938, 41; Idrîsî, 1797, 1450; Yâqût 1866, 320–3.

\(^{29}\) An unidentified land. It may be related to the locality Markah (مَرْكَة), on the east African coast, south of Malîndî (Idrîsî 1970, 1450; Yâqût 1866, 4592). MS D and C-2 add here an entry for the island of \textit{al-Tahaj} (or, in C-2, \textit{al-Rukh}), in China, inhabited with men of large ears; MS D then adds another entry for the island of \textit{al-Sarîj}, which appears to continuously move away from ships approaching it (see Mas‘ûdî 1938, 47, 66).
The Dirajat islands (the Maldives)\textsuperscript{30}

They are ruled by a queen. These are heavily populated islands, abundant with coconuts. Most of the property of the queen consists in seashells, which they store and exchange, calling it kastaj.\textsuperscript{31} They fish it by using coconut spikes. Much cotton is grown on these islands. The people are most refined in the production of textiles, weaving the sleeves and the expanding sides\textsuperscript{32} [from one cloth]. The queen sits naked on her throne, a crown on her head, and 4,000 slave-girls at her service.

The island of Rāmī (Sumatra)\textsuperscript{33}

A very large island, with several Indian kings. The camphor tree grows in its land. (There are gold mines in this island. Its people are brave, strong)\textsuperscript{34} powerful and warlike. The camphor tree can shade 100 men. The brazil-wood tree grows there. Its fruit is bitter like the the fruit of the carob, but is inedible, while the roots are a remedy for the poison of snakes. The island has a lot of bamboo, many oxen, and every kind of spice.

The island of al-Dāsbī (the Andaman Islands ?)\textsuperscript{35}

Its inhabitants are of the Zanj race, with pepper-like hair. When a foreigner falls in their hands, they eat him alive. They devour human flesh like dogs. They share their women. They have long faces, long legs, and a deformed appearance.

The island of Langabalūs (the Nicobar Islands)\textsuperscript{36}

Its inhabitants are fair-skinned. The men and the women go around naked save for a leaf or a piece of bark to cover their private parts, and they let their hair grow. Ambergris is abundant in their lands. They come out to the [merchant] ships in their light boats, and trade the ambergris for plates of metal.

This is the last of the islands to be mentioned. Ptolemy had said that there are 27,000 inhabited and uninhabited islands in the Green Sea [the Atlantic].\textsuperscript{37}

In these seas there are inlets (mafiḍāt), created when the seas swell and rise, overflowing the shores and extending for farsakh. In the East these inlets are called akhwār (sing. khawr), while in the West they are called dikhāl. We have explained some of this by way of an example so it would be easier to understand, God willing.

\textsuperscript{30} On the islands of the Dirajat, identified as the Maldives and Laccadives, see Tibbetts 1979, 50, 80. Compare Sauvaget 1948, 3 (no. 4); Mas'ūdī 1962–5, 1:179–80 (nos. 366–68); Idrīsī 1970, 1:69; Mas'ūdī 1938, 37.

\textsuperscript{31} See Sauvaget 1948, 3 (no. 4), and 36, no. 10.

\textsuperscript{32} Arabic: dibris. For an explanation of this term, see Sauvaget 1948, 35 (no. 8).

\textsuperscript{33} Al-Rāmī (or al-Rāmnī) has been identified as Lambri, a port on the northern coast of Sumatra (Tibbetts 1979, 1:38; Sauvaget 1948, 4 no. 6). See also Muqaddasi 1877, 143; Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 10; Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 44; Hudud 1970, 57; Mas'ūdī 1962, 1:380–1 (no. 371–2); Qazwīnī 1977, 1:54; Yaqtīn 1865, 2:739.

\textsuperscript{34} Illegible text completed by MS D and C-2.

\textsuperscript{35} The name al-Dāsbī is unattested in other descriptions of south-east Asia, but the description is definitely associated in the Arab sources with the al-Andāmān islands (the Andaman archipelago in the Bay of Bengal). See Tibbetts 1979, 25, 152–6; Sauvaget 1948, 5 (no. 8); Mas'ūdī 1962–5, 1:181 (no. 372).

\textsuperscript{36} The islands of Langabalūs (with many variants) appear in several accounts of south-east Asia. They have been identified as the Nicobar Islands, in the Indian Ocean west of Malaysia. See Tibbetts 1979, 152–6; Sauvaget 1948, 5 (no. 7); Ibn Faqih 1885, 12; Idrīsī 1970 1:77; Mas'ūdī 1962–5, 1:181 (no. 372); Hudud 1937, 57, 188.

\textsuperscript{37} Compare a similar statement in Mas'ūdī 1938, 28. The "Green Sea" is also mentioned earlier in Book Two, Chapters One and Three; in both cases the Atlantic Ocean is intended.
[see fig. 2.12, p. 104, for the Bays of Byzantium, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]

[001] The Small Trakhiyah Bay (Tracheia Bay). This bay is twelve miles long and its entrance is three miles wide. One enters it with southern winds proceeding North-East.

[002] The Large Trakhiyah Bay (Tracheia Bay). This bay is thirty miles long and its entrance is six miles wide. One enters it from the South proceeding North-West. There is an uninhabited island at its end.

[003] Bay of Kāramū (Kerameios). This bay is seventy miles long and is twenty miles wide. One enters it with southern winds proceeding northward.

[004] Bay of Mūlāṣā (Mylasa). This bay is fifty miles long, and its entrance is twenty-five miles wide. One enters it with southern winds proceeding northward.

The inhabited fortress of Mūlāṣā (Mylasa) is in the middle of the bay, five miles from the sea. To its west lies a river, into which the wide shelandia ships can enter. There are contiguous villages along its banks.

Further to the West is the Bay of Q-l-w-gh-r. It is forty miles long, and its entrance is twenty miles wide. One enters it from the North proceeding toward the South. In its last third there is a small round island [or, peninsula] with a fortified settlement (ḥiṣn ʿāmir) called Fijilah (Phygela). The island is less than a mile from the mainland.

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1 This chapter contains an extraordinary navigational guide to the bays of the Aegean Sea. The bays of the Aegean are described in an anti-clockwise sequence, coming from the south-western tip of Anatolia towards the Dardanelles, then east to Salonica, south along the Greek mainland and then all the way around the Peloponnese. The first five bays or inlets are also illustrated by a schematic diagram, while the rest of the bays are described only in text. The account of each bay includes its length and width, its direction and any topographic elements which would have been seen from aboard a boat, like small islets or strongholds. All these bays were at the time under Byzantine, non-Muslim, control. We wish to acknowledge the generous assistance of Klaus Belke, Friedrich Hild, Johannes Koder, Andreas Küßer, and Peter Soustal, of the Tabula Imperii Byzantini (TIB) project, in confirming the identification of many of these harbours.

2 In MS A, the text for the first five bays is inserted into a diagram of five finger-like inlets at the bottom of fol. 38a. The text inside the illustration is found only in MS A, and not in MS D, demonstrating that the illustration is part of the original treatise; the copyist of MS D omitted both the illustration and the text it contained. The rest of the text of the chapter is in both MS A and MS D.

3 A bay between the northern tip of the island of Rhodes and the Anatolian mainland. See label no. 038 on the map of the Mediterranean (Chapter Ten above), and the entries for the islands of Halki and Tilos in Chapter Fifteen above.

4 The classical Kerameios kolpos, modern Gökova Körfezi, on the south-west Anatolian coast, north of the Cnidus peninsula (Barrington 2000, 61; Piri Reis 1988 2:499, 508).

5 The incomplete ‘[…]baʿin’ could be read either as ʿa-in or ʿo-in.

6 Modern Asin Körfezi. An inlet taking its name from the Greek city of Mylasa near its head, on the south-west coast of Anatolia. The classical names were lasikos kolpos and Bargyliekos Sinus. See Barrington 2000, 61; Piri Reis 1988 2:495, n. 435.

7 The name of a fortress on the west Mediterranean coast (modern Balat) and the bay in which it lies (modern Gök Liman). See Idriśi 1970, 648, 806; Barrington 2000, 61.

8 River Maiandros, modern River Merenderes.

9 The Arabic term shalandidya (written incorrectly by the copyist as shalandidiyā) is from the Greek χελάνδιον. This was a ship used by the Byzantines for military and commercial uses in the Mediterranean, and then adopted by the Fatimids and the Almohads (see Nukhayli 1973, 75–81, with references; Agius 2001). It is mentioned by Ibn Hawqal as a galley used for raids against Muslims (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 139893).

10 According to the sequence and to the toponym mentioned in the bay, this is the modern bay of Kuşadası. The name appears in MS D as b-l-w-ʿ-s, and in MS A as b-l-w-ʿ-sh-r or q-l-w-gh-r. The latter variant may be an Arabic rendering of Kologerou (Greek kalogeros, ‘monk’), a locality mentioned in medieval portolans (Kretschmer 1900); or a scribal error for Qalūfūn, meaning Colophon ad Mare, a city on the coast north-west of Ephesus, modern Selçuk.

11 Ḥiṣn ʿāmir, a term used throughout this chapter, appears to designate a civilian settlement around a fortified stronghold. The term is also used extensively by al-Idrīsī, who appears to apply it to fortified small towns or large villages, usually with some agricultural land. For example, Qashṭī in southern Italy is described by al-Idrīsī as ḥiṣn ʿāmir kal-ad-madina al-ṣaghiraḥ (Idriśi 1970, 757).

12 Fijilah is the town of Phygela on a rounded small peninsula south of Ephesus; modern Kuşadası. Barrington 2000, 61.
Towards the head of the bay is the fortress of Q-l-w-g-h-r (?).

Further to the North is the Bay of Ithri (Erythrai). This bay is [twelve] miles long, and its entrance is four miles wide. One enters it from West to the East.

Further to the North is the Bay of Izmirnah (Smyrna). This bay is thirty miles long, and in its widest place it is ten miles wide. At the head of the bay is the fortified settlement of Izmirnah (Smyrna), located three miles from the sea. At the entrance to the bay there is a small and uninhabited island called jīrīs. The fortress of Qlazūmnī (Klazyomenai) is to the south of the bay and the fortress of Fūqīyah (Phocaea) is to the north. One enters it from West to the East. It has also an inhabited island.

[Further to the North is the] Bay of Mitīṭalās (Mitylini ?). It is twenty miles long and seven miles wide. One enters it from the West proceeding East. It has an inhabited island called Liqūsah.

Further to the North is the Bay of Ayāh. It is 10 miles long, and its entrance is 4 miles wide. One enters it from the South-West. At the entrance there is a small island called Barsū.

Further to the North is the Bay of Istanktīlīh (Strongyli ?). It is forty miles long, and its entrance, which is from West to the East, is twenty miles wide. It has an uninhabited island called Arīstās, and five small uninhabited islands between Istanktīlīh and Arīstās.

Further to the West is Bāb al-Ḥalīj (Gate to the Gulf; Hellespontus). At its entrance there are two uninhabited islands called M-f-r-y-h (Mauria). The fortress of Abidh (Abydos) is to its east. One enters the Hellespontus from the South proceeding North. The narrowest spot in the Hellespontus is half a mile wide and is located half a mile outside of the Hellespontus.

Further to the West, the Bay of Qardiyah (Kardia). It is thirty miles long and six miles wide. It is entered from the South proceeding northward. On its eastern shore there is a fortified settlement called Ifrīyāsh and on its western shore the fortress of Ayūs/Anūs (Ainos).

Further to the West, the Bay of Birithūrah (Peritheöron). It is ten miles long and four miles wide. It is entered from South to the North. On its eastern side there is a fortified settlement on the sea called Birithūrah (Peritheöron) and on its west the fortress of Bulistīlā (Polystylon).

Further to the West is an anchorage called Ifkstus, followed by a fortified settlement on the sea called Stūbilīh (?).

Further to the West is the fortress of Iftrūbilīh (?), which is located on an isolated rock. No one can enter this island without wading in the sea up to his knees. If the sea runs high, it is impossible to reach the island.

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13 The Byzantine town of Erythrai, modern Idr, at the tip of the Ionian peninsula, west of Smyrna (Izmir). It is at the head of the small bay separating the island of Chios (Hios) from the Anatolian mainland. See Barrington 2000, 56.
14 Lacuna completed by MS D.
15 Klazomenai, modern Klaziomen, on the northern shore of the bay of Smyrna (Izmir). Barrington 2000, 56.
16 Fūqīyah is the Fortress of Phocaea, modern Foça, on the southern shore of the bay of Smyrna (Izmir). Barrington 2000, 56.
17 According to the sequence, this is probably modern Gulf of Çanardar, whose Greek name was Elatikos kolpos. The Arabic name may derive from the city of Elaia at the head of the bay (modern Kazikbalari). See Barrington 2000, 56.
18 According to the sequence, this is the Gulf of Çandar on the Aegean coasts of Anatolia, and the island here is probably Elaiaoussa (modern Mardalic Adası or Kızılel playbook Adası), situated near the northern tip of the bay. We thank J. Koder for this suggestion.
19 A bay on the western Anatolian coast, possibly between the island of Lesbos and the Anatolian mainland. The Arabic form may have arisen from Aila (modern Ayvalik), a promontory at the north end of the bay. See Barrington 2000, 56.
20 According to the sequence, this should be an island or a peninsula off the western Anatolian coast, south of the Gulf of Edremet; it is possibly the peninsula of Poroseleme. See Barrington 2000, 56.
21 According to the sequence, this should be the modern Gulf of Edremet on the western Anatolian coast. The bay was known to al-Idrisi as Irimitūth (Idrisi 1970, 7:506). The Arabic name here seems to be a variant on the common toponym ‘Strongolli’; alternatively, it may derive from the Byzantine town of Astya at the head of the bay (modern Kaplica Nebiler). See Barrington 2000, 56.
22 The modern Dardanelles or Çanakkale. In its Greek form (Hellespont), the name also designates the fifth climed in the Prolemaic system (see Book Two, Chapter Three).
23 The islands of Mauria at the entrance to the Hellespont (modern Dardanelles / Çanakkale). See TIB 10: 223.
24 Abydos (modern Maltepe), on the eastern shore of the straits of Hellespont (modern Dardanelles / Çanakkale). See Barrington 2000, 51; Idrisi 1970, 8:06.
26 A fortification on the eastern shore of the Bay of Kardia, modern Saros Körfezi, west of the Dardanelles. Possibly to be identified with the Byzantine castle of Magarision, modern Ibrice Iskelesi (TIB 12: 504–505).
27 Ainos, modern Enez, on the north-west shore of Saros Körfezi, west of the Dardanelles. See TIB 6: 170–2; Barrington 2000, 51.
28 Peritheöron, at the head of the Hormos Bistonias bay in the northern Aegean (TIB 6:412).
Further to the West, the **Bay of Iströmus** (Strymon). It is thirty miles long and twenty miles wide. To its north lies a mountain inhabited by Slavs. It is entered from the South proceeding to the North.

Further to the West, the **Bay of Irmiliyah** (Hermilia). It is fifty miles long and twenty miles wide. In the middle of the bay, on the eastern side, lies the uninhabited Island of the Salt (?). Between this bay and the bay of *Iströmus* (Strymon) there is a lofty mountain, the highest in the lands of Christendom, called *Maláas*.

Further to the West, the **Bay of Saluniqiyah** (Salonica). It is fifty miles long and twenty miles wide. The fortress of *Saluniqiyah* (Salonica) is at the head of the bay, on the seashore. At its entrance there is an inhabited peninsula called *Qasadriyah* (Kassandra) with a fortified settlement. A small bay called *Qitrus* (Kidros) is in the northern part of the bay, on the seashore.

Further to the South, the **Bay of Dimtriyyādah** (Demetriada). There are eighty miles between this bay and the bay of *Saluniqiyah* (Salonica). It is thirty miles long and ten miles wide. In the middle of the bay there is an island called the Island of the Monk. The fortress of *Dimtriyyādah* (Demetriada) is at the head of the bay; uninhabited. Outside the bay [there is an island?] known as the Cross.

Further to the South-West, the **Bay of Līthādees** (Lithāda). It is sixty miles long and twenty miles wide. In this bay there is a passage that goes around it, from the fortress of *H-r-f/q-x-d-x-h* (Halmyros) to the fortress of *Batalīnūs* (Phetleon). To the East there is an inhabited island called *B-n-d-f-w-x-s-w-a*. At its entrance, after passing a third of the way, there is an island called the Island of the Donkeys. Near it is the Island [Peninsula] of Līthādās. The bay is entered from the North to the South-West.

Further to the South-East is the **Bay of X-a-f-s-l-w-f-a-r-s**. The ‘Anchorage of the Chain’ is located at the tip of this bay, as well as an island called *F-y-r-m-q-h*. It is forty miles long and six miles wide. At the end of the bay is a fortified settlement, called the Fortress of ‘Abbās.

Further to the South-West, the **Bay of Batalinūs** (Petalion). It is one hundred miles long and twenty miles wide. At its entrance there are two small and uninhabited islands called *Batalinūs* (Petalion). They face an uninhabited island inside the bay, called *T-f-n-y-s-h*. To the West lies the Island of *Hamādis*. To the North of *Hamādis* is a small bay, two miles long and half a mile wide, where ships can moor protected from all winds. In the last third of the bay there is an uninhabited island called *Qūkis*. To the West of this island there is a bay called the

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30 Strymonic Gulf, modern Kolpos Orfanou, in the northern Aegean, named after the River Strymon (Strimonas) flowing into it. See Barrington 2000, 51 (Strymon).
31 Classical Hermilia or Sermilia, modern Ormilia, near the head of the Gulf of Kassandra, between the promontories of Kassandra and Sithonia in the northern Aegean. See Barrington 2000, 51 (Sermilia).
32 This mountain, located between the Gulf of Kassandra and the Gulf of Strymon in the northern Aegean, is surely Mt. Athos.
33 Byzantine Salonica, modern Thessaloniki. Al-Idrīsī calls it *Saluniq* or *Saluni* (Idrīsī 1970, 7:799, 8:894, and *F*, art. ‘Selanik’).
34 A promontory at the southern entrance to the Bay of Salonica, probably modern Akra Kassandra.
35 *Qitrus* is Kitros or Pydna, near modern Kitros (or Kidros) in the Gulf of Salonica. See Idrīsī 1970, 7:799.
36 *Dimtriyyādah* is the city of Demetriada, modern Volos, at the head of the modern Pagastikos Kolpos, known in Latin sources as Dimetriata. See *TIB* 1:241; Idrīsī 1970, 7:799.
37 An island in the bay of Demetriada (modern Pagastikos Kolpos, Bay of Volos) in Greece. Possibly the Cicynethus (modern Palea Trikeri). See Barrington 2000, 55.
38 The text is corrupt here in both manuscripts. It is likely that the original sentence read: ‘outside the bay there is an uninhabited island known as the Cross’.
39 Modern Ixhada, a peninsula at the north-western tip of the Island of Evvoia or Evia (classical Euboea). See *TIB* 1:204.
40 May be identified with Byzantine Halmyros (modern Almiros) in the Pagastikos Kolpos to the north the Bay of Līthāda (*TIB* 1:270). Al-Idrīsī mentions Armirūn as a trading town at the head of a bay that faces the island of Evvoia (Idrīsī 1970, 7:799).
41 This is probably Phetleon (modern Pteleos) at the southwestern entrance of the Bay of Demetrias (modern Pagastikos Kolpos). See *TIB* 1:241; Barrington 2000, 55.
42 According to the sequence, this is Monolía Nisida, off the western tip of the Lichada Peninsula.
43 The sequence suggests it is the modern Notios Evoikos Kolpos, between Evia and the mainland, south of the straits at Chalkida.
44 The ‘chain’ may refer to a drawbridge at the Euripos strait, between Evia and the mainland, at modern Chalkis. On the existence of such drawbridge, see Andrews 2006, 188.
45 This is likely to be a corruption of Euripos, modern Chalkis, on the Euripos Straits (*TIB* 1:25). Al-Idrīsī indicates in this area a city called Agios or Aghribus (Idrīsī 1970, 7:799). This fort apparently lies at the southern tip of the Notios Evios Kolpos, most likely in the vicinity of modern Agia Marina.
46 Modern Kolpos Petalion, between the southern Evia and the Greek mainland. It appears as Pataline or Patelline in medieval Portolans (*TIB* 1:235–6). The name is derived from the Petalioi (modern Petaloi), a group of islands which lie in the bay.
Bay of Salāmah (Salamis).\(^{47}\) It is three miles long and one mile wide.

Further to the West is the Bay of Qurūnshah (Corinth).\(^{48}\) It is thirty miles long and ten miles wide. It is entered from East to West. Outside the bay there is a small uninhabited island called F-w-r-y-h [= Qaluruyah] (Kalaureia),\(^{49}\) and four other islands near it. In the bay there is a fortified settlement called Qurūthah (Corinth), located four miles from the sea. Further to the South-West there is a fortress called Damalāṣ (Damala), located three miles from the sea.\(^{50}\)

Further to the South-West, the Bay of Anablah (Nauplia).\(^{51}\) It is ten miles long and ten miles wide. The fortress of Anablah (Nauplia) is at the head of the bay, near the sea. At its entrance there is an island known as the 'Island of the Pine' (Pityoussa).\(^{52}\) Towards the South-West there is a fortress inhabited by the Slavs, called Rājīfah.\(^{53}\) South-west of Rājīfah is the fortress of Kibarisah (Kyparission).\(^{54}\)

Further to the South is the fortress of Minūshah (Monemvasia).\(^{55}\) South of Minūshah [Monemvasia] is a cape called Malāās (Malea).\(^{56}\) It marks the halfway point along the maritime route between Constantinople and Sicily.

Further to the West is the Bay of Bālīs.\(^{57}\) It is thirty miles long and twenty miles wide. In this bay there is a mountain called Izirūs (Ezeros), inhabited by Slavs.\(^{58}\) The bay is entered from the South-East.

Further to the West is the Bay of Qalāmātah (Kalamata).\(^{59}\) It is twenty-five miles long and twenty-five miles wide. At the head of the bay there is a fortress called Qalāmātah (Kalamata). Between it and the sea there is a cape known as Cape Maniayah (Matepan), on which there is a fortress also called Maniayah.\(^{60}\) In this bay there is an island called Qardamālā (Kardamylī).\(^{61}\) On its western shores there is a fortified settlement called Qurūnshah (Koroni).\(^{62}\) It is entered from the South proceeding West.

Further to the West, the Bay of Mathūnah (Methone).\(^{63}\) It is twenty-five miles long and its entrance is twenty-five [miles] wide. In this bay there is a fortified settlement called Mathūnah (Methone). In the middle of the bay there is an island called al-Muzawwad (literally 'the well-provisioned'), which has a harbour [that protects] from all winds.

Further to the West, the Bay of Arqalah (Arkadia).\(^{64}\) It is five miles long and its entrance is ten miles wide. At its centre there is an uninhabited island called Arqalah [Arkadia].

Further to the West, the Bay of Baṭrās (Patras).\(^{65}\) This bay leads to Qurūthah (Corinth). To its South is a fortified settlement called Baṭrās (Patras). This bay is one hundred and seventy miles long and its entrance is twenty-five miles wide. At its centre there is an uninhabited island/peninsula known as

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\(^{47}\) The Bay of Salamah is the bay of the island of Salamis (or Salamina), off the coast of Attica and close to the Athenian port of Piraeus (TIB 1253–254).

\(^{48}\) Qurūnshah is Corinth, modern Korinthos, in Greece. The Bay of Corinth is the Saronic Gulf to the east of the isthmus.

\(^{49}\) Probably the island of Kalaureia (modern Poros), which lies at the south-west mouth of the Saronic Gulf (Barrington 2000, 58).

\(^{50}\) Damala, modern Troiza, in the Peloponnese. Damala is the Byzantine name, dating from the 9th century, for the classical city of Troizen (Barrington 2000, 58; Bon 1951, 107–111).

\(^{51}\) The bay takes its name from the Greek city of Nauplia (modern Naupliion, Nauplio), which sits at the head of the bay. See Barrington 2000, 58.

\(^{52}\) The 'Island of the Pine' must be the Island of Pityoussa (modern Spetsai or Spetzes), which sits prominently at the head of the Argolic Bay east of the Peloponnese. The Greek name for the island is derived from πίτυς, meaning Pine.

\(^{53}\) This Slavonic settlement on the eastern coasts of the Peloponnese is possibly modern Ierax and its adjacent port, Limanes Gerakos.

\(^{54}\) The fortress of Kibarisah is probably the modern Kyparission, on the eastern coast of the Peloponnese.

\(^{55}\) Monemvasia, on the eastern coast of the Laconian peninsula in the southern Peloponnese. See Barrington 2000, 58; Idrisi 1970, 5638 (نِيْمَانْ: مَيْالِمَانْ).\(^{66}\)

\(^{56}\) The Malea promontory, modern Maleas, at the tip of the Laconian peninsula in the southern Peloponnese. See Idrisi 1970, 5638 (مَيْالِمَانْ: مَيْالِمَانْ).

\(^{57}\) The Bay of Bālīs is, according to the sequence, the Laconian Kolpos, in the southern Peloponnese. The Arabic may derive from Helos, a Byzantine church at the head of the bay (Bon 1951); or from the Greek 'γαλι' (pronounced yali), meaning 'beach'. Later on in this chapter, this bay is called incorrectly [?] also the Bay of the Well, 'al-bir'.

\(^{58}\) The name Izirūs (Ezeros) is derived from a Slavonic tribe which inhabited the area (see Bon 1951, 63 and map).

\(^{59}\) Modern Kalamata in the southern Peloponnese. The bay is known today as Messiniakos Gulf. See Barrington 2000, 58.

\(^{60}\) The Byzantine Cape Metapan, modern Mani or Mianes. It is the southernmost point in mainland Greece. See Idrisi 1970, 5638 (نِيْمَانْ: مَيْالِمَانْ); Bon 1951.

\(^{61}\) This island, said to be in the Bay of Kalamata (Messiniakos gulf), is probably Kardamylī, a small islet facing the eastern shores of this bay.

\(^{62}\) Modern Koroni (or Korone), Byzantine Coron, a fortress on the western shore of the Bay of Kalamata (modern Messiniais Kolpos). See Idrisi 1970, 5638 (نِيْمَانْ: مَيْالِمَانْ).

\(^{63}\) The fortress of Methone, modern Methoni, on the south-western coast of the Peloponnese. See Idrisi 1970, 5638 (نِيْمَانْ: مَيْالِمَانْ).

\(^{64}\) It is probably the Bay or Arkadia, modern Kyparissiakos Kolpos. The name of the bay is derived from the name of an island, said to be in the middle of the bay (Bon 1951).

\(^{65}\) The fortress of Patras, Patrai or Patra on the north-west shore of the Peloponnese, giving its name to the bay that lies to its west (Patraikos Kolpos).
the 'Island of the Leek'. In the East there are three inhabited\textsuperscript{66} islands. In the north-west there is a lofty mountain inhabited by Slavs. This bay is entered from the West proceeding East.

[39b] Further to the South is [the Bay of Corinth].\textsuperscript{67} It is thirty miles long and ten miles wide. It is entered from West to East. Outside the bay there is a small uninhabited island called Qawārah (Kalaureia), and four small and uninhabited islands. At the head of the bay there is a fortified settlement called Qurṭah (Corinth), located four miles from the sea. Further to the South-West from the bay of Qurṭah (Corinth) there is a fortress called Damalāṣ (Damala) located three miles from the sea.

Further to the South-West, [the Bay of Nauplia]. It is ten miles long and its entrance is ten miles wide. A fortified settlement called Anablah (Nauplia) is at the head of the bay, near the sea. West of this bay is a fortress called Arkus (Argos), located three miles from the sea.\textsuperscript{68} At the entrance of the bay there is an elongated and uninhabited island, three miles long, known as the 'Island of the Pine' (Pityoussa). South-west of the fortress of Arkus there is a fortress inhabited by the Slavs, called Rājīfah, located six miles from the sea. South-west of Rājīfah is the fortress of Kibarishah (Kyparission ?). To the south of Kibarishah is the coastal fortress of Minūshah (Monemvasia). South of Minūshah is a cape called Malāas (Malea). It marks the halfway point along the maritime route between Constantinople and Sicily. West of Malāas is a fortified settlement on the seashore called Būs (Boiai),\textsuperscript{69} and then another fortified settlement called Asbūs (Asopos ?),\textsuperscript{70} near the West.

Further to the West is the Bay of Bālis.\textsuperscript{71} It is thirty miles long and its entrance is twenty miles wide. On its western side there is a mountain called Izirūs (Ezeros), inhabited by Slavs. The bay is entered from the South-East.

Further to the West is the Bay of Qalamāṭah (Kalamata). It is twenty-five miles long and twenty-five miles wide. At the head of the bay there is a fortress called Qalamāṭah, located [four miles] from the sea. Between the bay of Qalamāṭah [and the sea] here is a cape known as Cape Manīyah (Matepan), on which there is a fortress also called Manīyah.\textsuperscript{72} On the eastern side there is a small island called Qardamūlah (Kardamylia). On its western side there is a fortified settlement called Qurūnah (Koroni). It is entered from the South proceeding West.

Further to the West is the Bay of Mathūnah (Methone). It is twenty-five miles long and its entrance is twenty-five [miles] wide. In this bay there is a fortified settlement called Mathūnah (Methone). It is entered from the South to the West. Proceeding westwards, the account concludes with this bay.

\textsuperscript{66} MS D: 'uninhabited'.

\textsuperscript{67} Here the author or copyist starts repeating the description of the Peloponnnesus, first by describing again the Bay of Corinth, and then again going clockwise over the bays of the Peloponnesus. The account of the bays of the Peloponnnesus that follows is slightly fuller and more expansive than the preceding one; most of this repeated text is not in MS D. One possible explanation for this curious mistake is that the author was using a circular diagram of the Peloponnnesus. Here the name of the bay of Corinth is left blank, and is completed here by reference to its earlier description.

\textsuperscript{68} Modern Argos, in the eastern Peloponnnesus, at the head of the Argolic Gulf.

\textsuperscript{69} Boiai or Boea (modern Neapolis, Neapolion Voion), on the eastern shore of the Laconic Gulf in the southern Peloponnesus. See Bon 1951 [map]; Barrington 2000, 58.

\textsuperscript{70} Probably the classical Asopos (modern Plytra); or from the Greek εἰς βούς, meaning near Būs (Boiai, modern Neapolis). See Bon 1951 [map]; Barrington 2000, 58. We thank J. Koder for his suggestions.

\textsuperscript{71} This is a repeat account of the Laconic Bay, discussed above on folio 39a18–19, where the same gulf is called Bay of Bālis. The name al-bīr (ةر بن) here is probably a copyist mistake for bālis (ةل).\textsuperscript{72} The name is written here in two other variant forms:
The largest lake on the face of the Earth is the lake known as the Marsh (al-baṭīḥah) on the equator, which is the source of the River Nile and its floods. It is [...] long and wide. It has a mountain that is covered with snow during winter and summer. Most Copts maintain that the Sun, when in the summer it is at its zenith over this mountain, melts the snow away and causes the rise of the Nile and its continuous flow.

The explanations for the rise and ebb of the Nile vary greatly. We have chosen only that which will be readily understood by the listeners, and that which is as certain as possible within the limits of our ability and efforts. Power is with God, and we ask Him to reprieve us of any mistake or error.

Map of the largest of the Nile Marshes, which is on the Equator.

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1 The text of this chapter is found in copies A and D. In MS D, a number of blank and unlabelled circles made with a drawing compass suggest the form of the lakes.
2 Blank in both MS A and MS D.
[see fig. 2.13, p. 96, for the Map of the Sources of the Nile, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]

[001] This lake is known as the Marsh. It is on the equator. Within it there is a mountain covered with snow in winter and summer. Some say that the rise of the Nile is caused by the floods coming from this mountain in the summer. The floods of the Nile are drawn out from this lake towards its mouths and outlets (ashātīm), of which there are eight.

[002] This lake is called the Western Marsh. Three rivers flow from it into the Great Marsh, and five rivers flow into it from the Mountain of the Moon.

[003] This lake is called the Eastern Marsh. Five rivers flow into it from the Mountain of the Moon, and three rivers flow from it into the Great Marsh. It is one of the three Marshes.

[004] This lake is called the Marsh of the Zanj. Ptolemy called it the Flask (al-qārūrah). It is near one of the cities of the Zanj called Qanbalū. This is the source of the Nile crocodile, which is called by the Zanj sūsmār (from Persian, ‘crocodile’). A large river flows from this lake across deserts, savannahs and sands until it reaches the land of the Nubians. It then joins the Nile near the city of Dongola. It is one of the biggest and largest of the marshes.

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1 Full diagram only in MS A. MS D, fol. 115b, has the title of the diagram and the text of label 001, as well as a diagram of three black and white circles, two small ones and a lower larger one.

2 This is the Ptolemaic Lake Coloe, from which the Stapus tributary flows into the Nile. Khwārazmi indicates the existence of this lake, without naming it in the text or on his map of the Nile (Khwārazmi 1926, Tafel III; Dzhafrī 1985, 88). The connection between this lake and the island of Qanbalū (Pemba), in the Indian Ocean, is derived from al-Masʿūdī. According to al-Masʿūdī, who claims to have seen a map of the Nile in a work called Geographia, an eastern arm of the Nile flows to the sea of the Zanj (Indian Ocean), near the island of Qanbalū (Masʿūdī 1962, 1:112, no. 215). Al-Masʿūdī repeats the claim of an eastern arm of the Nile flowing to the Indian Ocean later on in his work, citing a Coptic informant of Ibn Tūlūn (Masʿūdī 1962, 2:79, no. 796). Note that here, as well as on the map of the Nile in the next chapter (Chapter Eighteen), this eastern arm of the Nile does not link with the Indian Ocean, unlike the account in al-Masʿūdī, but rather flows into the Nile from ‘Lake Qanbalū’. 
[001] Lake Bakhtigān in Fārs, 20 farsakhs long

[002] Lake Alkhān (?) in Fārs, salty

[003] A lake in the land of the Turks, by a village called A-x-a-x-y-y, near the tents of the Chigil. The lake is called al-Sīkūlah (Issik-Kul), and it takes ten travel days to go around it. Seven rivers flow into it, but its water is salty. The domain of the Pecheng Turks is around the lake. These people have an annual celebration in which they circumambulate this lake (……) It is one of their most noble celebrations.

[004] River

[005] Lake of Qīb (?) in the mountain pass of Z-m-l-y-yh [= Khamlīj (?)]. Its depth is not known. It is impossible to make a descent into it due to the heat of its water and the force of its blaze. Any bird that passes over it falls down.

[006] Lake Zarah in Sijistan. It is enormous, as many waters flow into it.

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1 These diagrams of the lakes of the world represent lakes as perfect circles, with green and blue colors to indicate salty and sweet water respectively. The full diagrams are found only in MS A; MS D, fol. 16b, has six circles surrounding a larger central circle, all unlabelled.

2 Lake Bakhtigān, a large salt lake in Fars, about 50 km east of Shiraz; the modern Nīrīz. See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 2:263, 276; Cornu 1985, 47; EI2, art. 'Bakhtigān'.

3 Buḥayrat Alkhān is possibly a corruption of Buḥayrat al-Jankān (البحيرة الجكن), modern lake Shiraz in Fars, one of the five lakes of Fars listed by Ḩabikān and reproduced by Ibn Hawqal (EI2, art. 'Bakhtigān'). Note, however, that Buḥayrat al-Jankān is mentioned further on in this map (label no. 013).

4 The Issik-Kul (from Turkish, 'warm lake'), also written Issyk-Kul or Ysyk-Köl, in eastern Kyrgyzstan, is the second largest saline lake after the Caspian Sea (EI2, art. 'Issik-kul'). The Chigil or Čigil (چیگل) were a Turkic nomadic tribal confederacy (EI2, art. 'Kurš'). The map also shows 35 rivers, each labelled 'nahr' (river), pouring into this lake. A large number of streams flowing into the lake is also mentioned in Tamīm ibn Bahr's 9th century account of a journey to the land of the Uhurshāh: 'where there are many lakes, little streams, and villages between them. It is the season of spring, and they consider it a religious ritual' (Minorjsky 1948, 280).

5 Compare again the account of Tamīm ibn Bahr's journey to the Uyghur, where a ritual circumambulation of the Issik-Kul is also described:

6 Unidentified. Possibly a corruption of Khamlij, mentioned by early Arab geographers as a major city of the Khazars, or possibly even one of the names of the Khazar capital on the Volga, north of the Caspian (Golden 1992, 249).


9 Full diagram only in MS A. MS D, fol. 16b, has eight unlabelled equal circles.

10 Nicomedia, a classical town on the eastern shores of the Sea of Marmara (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 2:396).

11 Unidentified lake in Anatolia.

12 The Bay of Līthāda, modern Līchada, is described in Book Two, Chapter Sixteen, as lying opposite the north-western coasts of the Evvoia Island (classical Euboea, modern Evia). The lake described here as 'flowing into the sea' is possibly the classical Maliakos Kolpos, at the westernmost part of this bay (TIB 2:204).

13 Nicaea, on the eastern shores of the Marmara Sea, is mentioned by most early Arab geographers (Ibn Khurrajaddībībi 1889, 160, 113; Hudīd 1937, 55, 78, 184, 220).

14 Lake Jankān (or Janagān, Jangān), a salty lake in Fars (modern Darbāy-e Mehrārī), or lake Shiraz, in Fars, Iran. See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 180, 193; Hudīd 1937, 54; EI2, art. 'Bakhtigān'.

15 This lake, near the town of Kāzerīn in the province of Fars, was known either as Buḥayrat Fāzarūn, from the name of the nearby town, or Buḥayrat Mūr, from which the modern name of Fāmūr is derived. See Ibn Hawqal 1873, 180, 193; Ibn Khurrajaddībībi 1889, 45; Cornu 1985, 47; EI2, art. 'Bakhtigān', 'Kāzerīn'.
Lake Bāsiliyun in the land of Rūm (Byzantium).16
Lake W-r-h-l [= Arzan] in Fars, large.17
Lake Urmia, also called Kabūdān, in Azerbajan. Salty. It has no fish or animals, like the Sea of Zuğhar (Dead Sea).18

A lake between the Zagḥawah and the oases (wāḥāt), enormous and salty.19 It has no animals. No living creature can drown in it; moreover, after its death [the corpse] floats on it. Around it live fair-skinned and handsome people, whose origin is not known to the blacks. Some have said that they are the companions of the Prophet Jonah, may Peace be upon him. No one has ever reached them, [nor have they reached others]. They live behind that lake.20

Another lake, which is a month's journey both in [length and in width]. Salty. Nowadays it is the domain of Ghuz Turks and others. It is the largest lake on the face of the Earth.21

Lake S-m-a-t-y in the land of Rūm (Byzantium).22

Lake Bāsiliyun in the land of Rūm (Byzantium).23

16 Lake Bāsiliyun is mentioned by Ibn Khurradādhbih, with variants for the name also given as Ibni Khurraz (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 101). Le Strange identifies this lake as the Byzantine 'Lake of Forty Martyrs', later known as Aq Shahr (or Ak Shehri); see Le Strange 1905, 135, 152. This lake is named again below in this same column.

17 Probably Arzan (أرزان), referring to the lake in Fars whose full name is Dasht Arzan. See Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 122; EF², art. 'Bahktīgān'.

18 Lake Urmiyā (modern Dāryā-ī Shāhī) was named after the major nearby city of Urmiyā, modern Urmia, to its west. The lake is about 90 miles south-west of Tabriz, near Maragha, in a landlocked basin; although fed by numerous streams, the lake is intensely saline, more so even than the Dead Sea. Early writers also gave the lake the name Kabūdān (Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 181, 189; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 8, 239, 247; Masʿūdī 1962, 1:56, no. 90; EF², art. 'Urmiyā'). See also labels no. 368 and 374 on the Rectangular World Map in Chapter Two. Book Two.

19 Probably Lake Chad. Zagha wa was the name of a locale as well as the name of a people inhabiting an area that is now in the republics of Sudan and Chad (EF², art. 'Zaghāwā').

20 Missing sentence completed by Ms D.

21 Probably the Aral Sea, known to early geographers as the Lake Mayūtīs. In one of his surviving maps, al-Khwārazmī draws the city of Tārmī on the banks of the Sea of Azov (Buḥayrat Mūr Mayūtīs), between two rivers that flow from a mountain (see Khwārazmī 1926, Tafel IV, or Tibbetts 1929a, Plate 4, for a reproduction). Khwārazmī and Suhrāb give the coordinates of Tārmī as a locality to the North of the seventh clime, on the banks of a lake (Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 347; Khwārazmī 1946, 37; Suhrāb 1930, 45). Al-Idrisī locates Lake Tārmī in northern Russia, and as the source of the 'River of Russia', probably meaning the Don (Īdrisī 1970, 957; Huḍūd 1937, 54, 182, 217).

22 The name Buḥayrat Rayy (Lake Rayy) is otherwise unattested. The Buttum mountain range is the chain of Zarafshan mountains in Transoxiana (Yaqūt 1866, 1:490; Le Strange 1905, 486; Huḍūd 1937, 198 no. 94 and 211 no. 23). The author of the Huḍūd speaks of Lake Darūzahah or Darūyāchah, modern Iskandar-kul, formed of four rivers arising from the Buttum (or Buttamān) mountains, adding that it is the source of the river watering Samarqand, Bukhara, and Sughd (Huḍūd 1937, 55 no. 25 and comm. 185 no. 25).

23 One of the five lakes of Fars listed by Iṣṭakhrī and later reproduced in variant forms: Buḥayrat Rayy (Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 122), Buḥayrat Ruṣayf (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 193), Buḥayrat Ruṣayf (Ibn Hawqal 1827, 2:277). According to these accounts, the lake is 8 farsakhs long. See also Huḍūd 1937, 54, no. 14. The lake is the modern Lake of Tašit, now forming the northern part of Lake Bahktīgān (EF², art. 'Bahktīgān').

24 The Lake of Khilāt (or Ahlāt or Arjish), modern Lake Van in Turkey. See Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 190; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 8, 248; Ibn Hawqal 1828, 2:335 and map 346.

25 Name completed by Ms D.

26 For Arab geographers on Lake Tiberas, or the Sea of Galilee, see also Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 18; Iṣṭakhrī 1870, 58; Ibn Hawqal 1873, 8, 248; Yaqūt 1866, 1:515.

27 This lake is unidentified. It may be the same as Buḥayrat Dinashq (Lake Damascus), which is mentioned by Ibn Khurradādhbih and later sources as the terminus point of the river Barada that flows through the city (Ibn Khurraz (Ibn Khurradādhbih 1889, 177).

28 Al-farfar is a general name for purslane plants, including water- or sea-purslane. It is mentioned by Ibn al-Bayṭār (1875, 3:426). Here, however, the reference is to a fish.
Lake ‘Umnad (?) near Antioch.
Lake near the Zanda-rūd River, ten farsakhs long.32
The Marshes in Iraq, into which the water of the Euphrates flows.
A lake near China, with a circumference of seventy miles.
Lake Sālū (?), which rises33 between Bukhara and Tirmidh, forty farsakhs long.34

Lake M-s-k-n-h [al-Miskīnīn (?)] in the land of the Rūm (Byzantium).35
Lake Marāghah in Armenia (Lake Urmiya). Four farsakhs long and twenty-two farsakhs wide. Salty and stinking, with no living animal, like the Sea of Zughar (the Dead Sea). It is the source of the borax of goldsmiths.36

[The Zughar Lake, known as the Stinking Lake (the Dead Sea)].37 The Jordan River flows into it and fills it, but it neither rises nor ebbs. When the lake is stormy there appears something that looks like decaying matter accumulated in a gummy mass, which is known as asphalt and has many uses.38

Lake Fāmiah, into which the Orontes River flows, and then continues toward Antioch.39
Lake Qinnasrin, pleasant. The River Quwayq flows into it and then dwindles away.40
Lakea-l-q-l-m-y-n in the land of Rūm (Byzantium).41
Lake M-s-x-t-l-h in the land of Rūm (Byzantium).42
Lake with marshes, thirty farsakhs long, and of the same [width].

Lake Alexandria. It used to be covered with vineyards that belonged to the daughter of the muqa-wqīs, who used to levy her tax in wine.43 Once, when under the influence of the wine, in a fit of anger she flooded it with a bay (khwar) of the sea. The lake existed until Ibn al-Mudabbir44 came to Egypt and ordered the opening to be blocked, and so the land re-emerged. Nowadays it is inhabited by the Banū Qurrah.45

Those with knowledge of the past claim that Lake Tinnis is the subject of the verse handed down by God: ‘and he remained twisting and turning his hands over what he had spent on his property, which had (now) tumbled to pieces to its very foundations’ (Qurʾān 18:42).46 It [used to be full of] gardens and greens divided between two brothers, one an unbeliever and the other a believer. The believer spent his money on charity and alms, while

32 The Zanda-rūd is a river running through the city of Isfahān; other forms of the name occur in early writings, including al-Zarinnord, Zarinn and Zāyanda-rūd (EF, art. ‘Isfahān’).
33 Lacuna completed by MS D.
34 MS D adds: ‘Lake al-Ahwāz. It is 20 farsakh long. In it there is an edible fish (?). This fish has the form of a lizard, and it can jump a qāmah and more. It dies only after two or three days’.
35 Lake al-Miskīnīn (literally, ‘the poor’) is mentioned in an account of Byzantium as a stopping point in Anatolia (Ibn Khurarādbihb 1889, 10718).
36 Repeated entry, with the addition of lake dimensions and the information it was the source for ‘the borax of goldsmiths’.
Ibn Hawqal also mentions that jewellers’ borax originates on the coasts of the Lake of Kabūdān, the alternative name for Lake Urmiya (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 2:346). Banwaq (here translated as borax) designated natron, a compound of various salts containing mainly sodium and potassium carbonates, and did not correspond to borax in the modern sense (Natrum biboracium). Banwaq was obtained from salt lakes, where it was formed as a gleaming crust as a result of evaporation, and was employed in various technologies. It was also recommended by physicians as an ingredient in dentifrices for cankers in the mouth and to arrest deterioration of the gums as well as to treat skin complaints or, taken internally, to relieve constipation. The precise nature of the ‘borax of the goldsmiths’, however, is unknown. See Levey 1966, 248 no. 48; and EF, art. ‘Bawraq’.
37 Completed by MS D.
38 The lake described here is clearly the Dead Sea, although it is not mentioned by name. On the appearance of bitumen in the Dead Sea, compare Dimashqi 1874, 156.
39 Lake Fāmiah was named after the city of Fāmiah (the ancient Apamēe), in the district of Hims in Syria. It is also described in Dimashqi 1874, 157.
40 Lake Qinnasrin was named after the town Qinnasrin, south-west of Aleppo and near a now dry lake bed; the river Quwayq flowed through Aleppo and terminated in and around this lake (EF, art. ‘Quwayq, Nahr’).
41 Ibn Khurradādbih mentions a fort called al-ʿAlamayn or a-l-q-l-m-y-n as one of the Byzantine forts of Anatolia (Ibn Khurradādbihb 1889, 1082).
42 Ibn Khurradādbih mentions a fort called a-l-m-s-b-t-l-y-n (Mosbatalyn) as one of the Byzantine forts of Anatolia (Ibn Khurradādbihb 1889, 1082).
43 In Arabic sources, the muqa-wqīs was the title of ruler of Egypt at the time of the Muslim conquest in 23/642. Al-Maqzīrī, citing Ibn ʿAbd al-Hakam, reports that the vineyards belonged to the wife of the muqa-wqīs, and that the Abbasid Caliphs drained the water and reclaimed the land (Maqrīzī 2002, 1458; Ibn ʿAbd al-Hakam 1995, 26).
44 Abū al-Ḥasan ʿAbd al-Hakam ibn al-Mudabbir (d. 270/883 or 271/884), Abbasid financial administrator of Egypt from 247/861 to 254/868 (EF, art. ‘Ibn al-Mudabbir’).
45 On the Banū Qurrah, who settled in the Buḥayrah region near Alexandria during the early Fatimid period, see note 6 in Book Two, Chapter Six.
46 The following story of the two brothers appears in a very similar form in Masʿūdī 1938, 26; Nuwayrī 1923, 1252; Maqrīzī 2002, 1477. Translation of the Qurʾānic verses from ʿalī 1975.
the unbeliever grew rich and wealthy. When the believer addressed him one day, the unbeliever disparaged him and said: ‘More wealth have I than you, and more honour and power in (my following of) men’ (Qurʾān 18:34). The Nile’s mouth into the sea used to be between the lands of the two brothers. That night, a great storm at sea caused its waves to enter from the outlet of Tinnis into the lake, inundating the lower parts of the land, while the elevated parts of the land, like those lying on top of a mound or a hillock, remained. This happened 350 years before the advent of Islam.\footnote{This account of the inundation of Lake Tinnis in pre-Islamic times is a variant on the accounts given earlier in Book Two, in Chapter Six and at the end of Chapter Fourteen.}
THE EIGHTEENTH CHAPTER ON THE RIVERS, THEIR FORMS, AND THE CITIES NEAR THEM

[42a] [see fig. 2.16, p. 88, for the Map of the Nile, and for the numbered Arabic labels corresponding to the numbers provided below in square brackets]1

[001] Map of the Nile: Its course consists of ten streams, of which five are to the East and five to the West. Then it empties into two marshes, and from the two marshes into one large marsh at the equator. Then it descends to its eight outlets. It is joined by a river coming from the land of Zanj from a lake which is called the flask (al-qārūrah) and is also known as Lake Qanbalū.2 Another river reaches it from the area of the Maghreb, from a spring flowing under the white sand dunes (al-kathīb al-abyaḍ)3 along the seacoast of the Encompassing Sea. Many rivers pour into it [this spring]. Its [the Nile’s] flow is vigorous, even when all other rivers on the surface of the land ebb—so much so that it is possible to say that it [this spring] provides it [the Nile] with waters when it is rising. Its ascendancy is Cancer and [the ruler of] its hour is Mars.4 Knowledge of its inundation comes about from observing Mars at the start of the year: if it is at its maximum velocity (fi masīrihi al-akhar), the inundation will be plentiful; if it is at its mean velocity, the inundation will reach a normal level; and if it is in its slow motion, its flow will be deficient. Take note of that.

[002] Jabal al-Qamar (The Mountain of the Moon)

[003] The extent of this distance between the rivers is three celestial degrees, which are 190 miles. The measurement between each of these rivers is 57 miles and two thirds of a mile

[004] This is called the ‘land of the scorpions’. It has no plants or animals because of the ferocity of its heat

[005] The beginning of this river is at the longitude of 46 degrees

[006] The diameter (qutr) of this western marsh is 248 [= 284 ?] miles5

[007] The white sand dunes from which a river flows to the Nile6

[008] This marsh is in the first clime. Its position (markaz) is at a spring, located at 58 [degrees] longitude and 2 [degrees] latitude. In it there is a mountain covered with (snow) in winter and summer7

[009] The diameter of this eastern marsh is five celestial degrees, equivalent to 284 miles

[010] The beginning of this river is at the position (markaz) of 59 degrees

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1 The diagram in MS A is incomplete due to damage to the folio. MS D, fol. 119b, has the text of the long opening label (001), followed by a sparsely labelled diagram (see fig. 0.18, p. 27, in the Introduction above). While there are fewer labels in the diagram of the Nile in MS D, it adds four labels at the bottom and left of the map, in the part that is missing from the damaged Nile map in MS A (labels no. 027–030). The fragment of the Nile map in MS A suggests that the map as a whole was similar to the map of the Nile by al-Khwārazmī, including the indications of climes (Khwārazmī 1926, Tafel III; reproduced in Harley & Woodward 1992, Plate 4). See also a similar map in one of the manuscripts of Ibn Hawqal, BnF MS arabe 2214 (Ibn Hawqal map of the Nile; reproduced in Tibbetts 1992c, 139 fig. 6.2). However, the map in MS A does have some additional features which are of importance for the history of cartography, including a western tributary to the Nile flowing from ‘white sand dunes’ in West Africa. Most importantly, some of the labels on the map, such as those for the Fayyum and for the lakes at the origin of the Nile, have indications of longitude and latitude degrees, a very rare feature in Islamic cartography (for another example in a manuscript of al-Idrīsī, see Ducène 2009).

2 Lake Qanbalū (buḥayrat qanbalū) is the same as the Marsh of the Zanj (al-baṭīḥah al-zanjīyah), in label no. 004 on the map of the sources of the Nile in the previous chapter (see fig. 2.13, p. 96). There it is said to lie near one of the cities of the Zanj called Qanbalū, and to be the source of the Nile crocodile. In the fragment of the Nile map preserved in this chapter, only the upper half of this lake has remained.

3 The white sand dunes (al-kathīb al-abyaḍ) in western Africa, which also occur on the Rectangular World Map in Chapter Two, Book Two, labels no. 11 and 173, as sources of the western tributary of the Nile; see the comments there. The ‘white sand dunes’ are also represented visually on this map of the Nile, label no. 007.

4 For the significance of the sign of Cancer being the ascend-ant, see note 59 to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above.

5 See label no. 009 below, where the diameter of the eastern marsh is given as ‘five celestial degrees, equivalent to 284 miles’. Since these lakes were thought to be symmetrical and equal in size, the diameter of both lakes should be the same, and it is clear that one of the numbers here is corrupt. The estimate of 284 miles corresponds better with five degrees, as it gives 56.8 miles per degree; see above, Book Two, Chapter One, for the conversion ratio of 56 2/3 miles per one latitudinal degree.

6 For the ‘white sand dunes’ as a source of a western tributary to the Nile, see above, label no. 001.

7 The coordinates are taken from al-Khwārazmī (Khwārazmī 1926, Tafel 3; and for the ‘white sand dunes’ as a source of a western tributary to the Nile, see above, label no. 001.}
The equator

Ghānah fī al-maghrib (Ghānah, in the West)

Kawkaw

Zaghāwah

Fazzān (fezzan)

The West

Jibāl al-wāḥāt | ṭarīq al-wāḥāt (The mountains of the oases, the route of the oases)

The third clime

The beginning of the region (ʿamal) of the Muslims

Masjid [= bahṛ] Yūṣuf (Bahṛ Yūṣuf)

ḥajar al-ahūn [= al-Lāhūn] (Dam of al-Lāhūn)

al-Fāyyūm | al-tūl 48, 5 | al-ʿarḍ 30 (The Fayyum, longitude 48° 5’, latitude 30°)

The southern limit

The [fourth?] clime

Bahṛ Barbarā (The Sea of Berbera)

East

The Syrian Sea

Ṣūrat al-qalʿah al-muniyyah (A representation of al-Munīyah [?] citadel)

A canal that branches from the Nile and flows into the depression of al-Fayyum. It is named after the Biblical Joseph, who is the legendary founder of the canal (EI2, art. ‘al-fayyūm’).

The same mistaken orthography (نهو للاهرن) appears in ibn Ḥawqal’s map of Egypt (label no. 41).

The values given for the latitude and longitude of the Fayyum may indicate reliance on an Arabic translation of the Handy Tables by Ptolemy, for in that treatise the latitude is given as 48° 20’ and the latitude as 31° 20’ whereas in the later Arabic treatises the values are considerably different; see Kennedy & Kennedy 1987, 119, for the Ptolemaic values compared with twenty other sets given in Arabic treatises. Al-Khwārazmi gives the coordinates of al-Fayyum as 54° 15’ and 28° 0’ (Khwārazmi 1926, 13 no. 150).

Only the word ‘al-iqlīm’ (the clime) is written. The line beneath the label is the border between third and fourth climes.

The Red Sea.

The Mediterranean.

The copyist of Ms D notes here that the original manuscript had a representation of a citadel or fort in the bottom left corner of the map. The name al-qalʿah al-muniyyah has not been identified, but maybe a mistake for al-muniʿah, i.e., ‘inaccessible’. The location suggests it may be the island-city of Tinnis, described earlier in the manuscript.
The Euphrates:

Its length until it reaches Malatya is 100 far-saksis. Many rivers discharge into it, as well as a river that emerges from Lake al-Márazbún. There are no islands in this river. It has a lake, which flows to the East (al-sharaqayn). The river then flows to Manbij, Kidíadhá (?), and Qal‘at Sumaysát, which is Qal‘at al-Tín. Then it reaches Bális and proceeds to Síffín, (al-Raqqáh, Jísr Hít, and al-Anbár. It flows into the Tigris. It then reaches Hú (?), al-Nars, the marsh, and al-Bírah (Basra ?). It length on the surface of the Earth is 500 far-saksis. Its ascendant is Virgo and [the ruler of] its hour is the Moon.

1 Full diagram is only found in MS A. MS D, fol. 120a, has the entire text of the long opening label (no. 001), which is mostly lost in MS A. The sparsely labelled diagram on the following page in MS D (fol. 120b), appears to be a diagram of the Euphrates, but could also be a diagram of the Tigris (see fig. 0.19, p. 28, right-hand side, in the Introduction above).

2 This label has been damaged in Ms a, and only a few words at the beginning of each line are intact. The text is completed from Ms d. It is a misinformed summary of the account of the Euphrates in al-Mas‘údī (Mas‘údī 1962, 1:117, no. 228).

3 Modern Erzurum in Turkey. Its ancient name was Qarin, and in Armenian it was called Qarnoi Qalaq, from which its Arabic name was derived (EP, art. ‘Erzurum’).

4 Lake al-Márazbún is mentioned by Mas‘údī as the largest lake in Anatolia (Mas‘údī 1962, 1:117).

5 The text here appears to be corrupt; there were islands in the in the Euphrates which were known to Arab geographers, as is shown in Ibn Hawqal’s map of al-Jazīrah. The parallel text in Mas‘údī 1962, 1:117, no. 228 reads: There is no larger lake in the lands of Byzantium; it is a month or more in length and width, and ships sail in it’ (و ليس في أرض روما بحيرة أكبر من هؤلاء فهي خضراء). From šeher and Qal‘at al-Tín above.

6 This is probably a copist mistake, and not a name of a locality; compare Mas‘údī 1962, 1:117, no. 228: Qal‘at sumaysát. Compare ‘al-furāt’. Damage completed by MS D.

7 Qal‘at al-Tín is, also according to al-Mas‘údī, another name for Qal‘at Sumaysát (Mas‘údī 1962, 1:117). It was an important Byzantine and medieval Islamic town of upper Jazīrah (classical Samsata; modern Samsat in Turkey). It lies on the right bank of the Euphrates at a crossing of the north-south route to Edessa and the east-west one to Mardin (EP, art. Sumaysát).

8 Nahr al-Nars was a canal that leaves the Euphrates at al-Hilla and turns southwards. Al-Nars is also mentioned by al-Mas‘údī in his account of the lower course of the Euphrates (Mas‘údī 1962, 1:117, no. 229).

9 For the significance of the sign of Virgo being the ascendant, see note 59 to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above. In Book One, Chapter Two, several countries were associated with the sign of Virgo, including Babylon, Mesopotamia, the ‘lands of Mosul’ and the Jazīrah.

Br Sayyār [= Tell Bani Sayyār]
Nahr al-Zayt
The beginning of the Euphrates
Fāṭlā [= Qāliqalā]
‘Attāb [= Hubāb ?]
Khilāt
Maṭājīrd [= Manāzjīrd]
(Bad)ūsī
Arsanās
Nahr Arsanās
Y-d-t-a-y-n [= Tell Mūzan]
Nahr Silqīz [= Nahr Silqīf]
Diyār Bakr
Nahr al-Raqqāh
Jazīrat Bani ‘Umar

11 A town along the itinerary from Harran to Ra’s al-ʿAyn, on the upper reaches of Nahr al-Khābir. See Ibn Ḥawqal map of al-Jazīrah, 53; Corcu 1985, 23.

12 A tributary at the uppermost reaches of the Euphrates, indicated in Ibn Hawqal map of Mediterranean, label no. 22.

13 Probably Hubāb in south-east Anatolia, on an itinerary between Mayyāfārīqīn and Malatya. See Ibn Hawqal map of Mediterranean, label no. 26; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 196.

14 Modern Akhlāṭ in Turkey. Also indicated on maps of the Euphrates and on the map of the Lakes.

15 Manāzjīrd is modern Malazgīrd in Turkey, also written as Malazjīrd and Malāzkīrd. See Suhāb 1895 (where written as ملاژکرد) and EP, art. ‘Malāzgīrd’.

16 Bādir (or Bīdir, modern Bītis), south-west of the lake of Akhlāṭ (Lake Van). See EP, art. ‘Bīdir’.

17 Arsanās, a town in SE Anatolia at the head of the River Arsanās (modern Murad-su), on an itinerary from Mayyāfārīqīn to Malatya. See Ibn Hawqal map of Mediterranean, label no. 28; Ibn Hawqal 1938, 196 (Tell Arsanās).

18 The River Arsanās is a major tributary of the Euphrates (modern Murad-su or Murat; ancient Arsanās), running east-west north of Lake Khīlāt (Lake Van). For descriptions by Arab geographers, see Ibn Khurrawadibhīb 1889, 174; Suhāb 1895, 13 and 57; EP, art. ‘al-Furāt’.

19 Tell Mūzan, indicated by Ibn Hawqal at the confluence of the Arsanās and the Euphrates. See Ibn Hawqal map of Mediterranean, label no. 25; Corcu 1985, 23.

20 Nahr Silqīt (modern Peri Tchay) is a river entering the Euphrates near the ruins of Shīmschāt (in ruins by the 4th/10th century), and often called after the village of Shīmschāt. See Ibn Hawqal map of Mediterranean, label no. 43; EP, ‘Shīmschāt’.

21 The district of modern Diyarbakır in SE Anatolia. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of the Jazīrah, label no. 59.

22 Probably indicating Nahr al-Balilh that flows into the Euphrates near al-Raqqāh (Ar-Raqqāh), in modern Syria. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 23.

23 Jazīrat Bani ‘Umar, another name for of the region of al-Jazīrah (Upper Mesopotamia).
Kāhā [= Kāfā] 24
Āmid
Malatyah (Malatya) 25
al-Hīr [= al-jisr] 26
a-l-h-b-r 27
Harrān
Bālis 28
al-Raqqah 29
al-ʿUbaydīyah 30
sakan al-qibāḍ 31
ʿAwāyān [= ʿArābān] 32
Raʾs al-ʿAyn 33
Nahr al-Khābūr 34
al-Ḥānūqah [= al-Khānūqah] 35
A-ḥ⟨. . .⟩h [= al-Raḥbah?] 36
Arḍ Ṣiffīn (land of Ṣiffīn) 37
al-Munḥarif [= al-Munkhariq] mā (al-Munkhariq, a lake) 38
Al-Kīfah (Kufa) 39
ʿamīd al-Furāt (The main Euphrates) 40
The marshes of al-Raqqah [= Kufa], its surroundings are inhabited 39
al-Raqqah 40
Nahr Sūrā (Sūrah River) 41
Wāsīt
al-ʿAbbādān 42
Sulaymānān 43

25 A frontier fortress in Jazīrah, to the west of the Euphrates (classical Melitene, modern Malatya in Turkey). See label no. 387 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3, p. 175).
26 Al-Jisr, or Jisr Manbij, near modern Manbij in northern Syria (EI2, art. ‘Manbibīj, Kalat Nadjm’). Jisr Manbij is also named on the map of the Tigris in the treatise. See also Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, labels no. 24 and no. 7.
27 Unidentified, but possibly, like the label below the river (label no. 020), a mistake for al-Jisr (جسر). See label no. 348 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).
28 See label no. 347 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).
29 See label no. 346 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).
30 Sukayr al-ʿAbbās, along the banks of the River Khabūr. See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 32; Cornu 1985, 23.
33 Nahr al-Khabūr, one of the major tributaries to the Euphrates, entering below al-Raqqah. See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 34; Cornu 1985, 18.
34 Al-Khabūr, on the Euphrates, south of its confluence with the River Khabūr (EI2, art. ‘al-Raḥba’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 21.
36 Śiffīn was the site of the famous battle in year 657, at a ruined Byzantine village not far from al-Raqqah (EI2, art. ‘Śiffīn’).
38 Al-Raqqah is much further up river and in Syria, so this is an error for al-Kufa. Compare Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 42.
39 Another error. It is uncertain which town is intended here, though it is possibly simply a repetition of al-Kufa.
40 The lower arm of the Euphrates that flows into the Tigris (EI2, art. ‘al-Furat’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazīrah, label no. 9.
41 ‘Abbaḏān was by early writers paired with Sulaṃmānān, the former being on the western side of the delta and the latter on the eastern side (Cornu 1985, 25; EI2, art. ‘Abbaḏān’). Both are indicated here and on the Tigris map as being at opposite corners of the delta.
42 Sulaṃmānān, a medieval coastal town, on the river Kārūn in southern Iran (EI2, art. ‘Kūrūn’; Cornu 1985, 33).
The River Tigris runs from the region of Arzan in Diyar Bakr and a spring in the lands of Khilât in Armenia. Then it goes to the region of Arzan and Mayyâfariqin, and there the Rivers of Dûshâ and al-Khâbûr discharge into it.\(^2\) Then it passes by Mosul, and the Zab river discharges into it. Then it reaches Baghdad. The rivers (that flow into it are al-Khandaq,\(^3\) al-Šarâḥ, and Nahr Isâ.\(^4\) Then it descends to Wâsiṭ, where it divides into many rivers, such as Barûd, al-Yahûdî, Sâbus\(^5\) and the channel which goes to al-Maftâḥ. In it the ships of Wâsiṭ and Baghdad and Basra circulate. The extent of its flow on the surface of the Earth (is 300 farsakhs. Its ascendant is Leo and [the ruler of] its hour is the Sun.\(^6\)

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\[002\] A Mountain

\[003\] A Mountain

\[004\] Armenia

\[005\] Arzan\(^7\)

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1 The diagram is only found in MS A. MS D, folios 120a–120b, has the entire text of the long opening label (001). The sparsely labelled diagram that follows in MS D (fol. 120b), appears to be a diagram of the Euphrates, but it could also be a diagram of the Tigris (see fig. 0.19, p. 28, right-hand side, in the Introduction above).

2 The river called here al-Khâbûr is the lesser Khâbûr, or Khâbûr al-Hasaniyyah, a tributary to the Tigris that is different from the Greater Khâbûr flowing into the Euphrates. On the upper course of the Tigris, see \(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Ḍîḏîlā’.

3 Illegible words completed by MS D.

4 For Nahr Isâ, one of four channels flowing from the Euphrates into the Tigris, see label no. 340 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3, p. 179). It is also indicated as label no. 42 on this map. Al-Šarâh is a tributary of Nahr Isâ. The name al-Khandaq is probably a corruption of Šarsar, a river indicated on Ibn Hawqal’s maps of the Jazîrah and Iraq. For all of these tributaries, see \(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Īsâ, Nahr’.

5 In a parallel passage by Mas‘ûd, the small branches south of Wâsiṭ are called al-Yahûdî, Sâbus and al-Ma’mûn (Mas‘ûdî 1962, 1:54). Nahr Sâbus is the eastern arm of the Euphrates that flows into the Tigris (\(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘al-Furát’). The Sâbus is also indicated on the map itself (label no. 049).

6 Completed by MS D. In MS A, this sentence ends abruptly. For the significance of the sign of Leo being the ascendant, see note 59 to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above. In Book One, Chapter Two, the sign of Leo is associated with the Sawâd Marshes of Iraq, in addition to Homs, Damascus, Apulia, and Galicia.

7 See label no. 352 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).

8 River Dûshâ is a tributary of the Tigris that flows from the region of Zawran (\(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Ḍîḏîlā’).

9 Unidentified; reading uncertain.


11 Nahr Sâtîdâmānâ, modern Batman Sû in Turkey, is one of the first three tributaries of the Tigris grouped close to one another (Cornu 1985, 22).

12 A town between the cities of Balad and Āmid (Cornu 1985, 24).

13 This is the first of four villages along the Euphrates given in a vertical list. Jisr Manbij, Bâlis and Harrân also appear on the map of the Euphrates (labels no. 020, 021, 022, 023, fig. 2.17, p. 85).

14 Unidentified.

15 See the map of the Euphrates, label no. 002 (fig. 2.17, p. 85).

16 A town north of the greater Zâb (\(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Ma’alṭâyā’). See Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazîrah, label no. 84.

17 An ancient district and a town in upper Mesopotamia (\(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Kârdâ and Bâzâbdâ’). The precise location is uncertain.

18 A town on the eastern banks of the Tigris, south of Arzan (Ibn Hawqal map of al-Jazîrah, label no. 73).

19 An ancient district and a town in upper Mesopotamia, near Bâzâbdâ (Ibn Khurradabîh ibn Khurradabîh 889, 95; \(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Kârdâ and Bâzâbdâ’).

20 Unlike the illustration here, Ra’s al-ʿAyn lies on the upper reaches of the Nahr al-Khâbûr flowing into the Euphrates, and not on a river that flows to the Tigris (\(\text{EP}^2\), art. ‘Ra’s al-ʿAyn’). See also label 028 on the map of the Euphrates (fig. 2.17).

21 A town between the Tigris and the Euphrates, north-east of Ra’s al-ʿAyn (Cornu 1985, 19).
[025] Naṣībīn
[026] Adhramah
[027] Barqaʿīd
[028] Balad
[029] Mawsīl (Mosul)
[030] Sūq al-Aḥad
[031] The Zāb [river]
[032] al-Sinn
[033] The lesser Zāb
[034] al-Dūr
[035] The Mountain of suqūf (literally, ‘rooftops’)30
[036] Takrīt
[037] Sāmarrāʾ (samarra)
[038] al-Karkh
[039] al-ʿAlth
[040] ʿUkbarār

[041] al-Baradān
[042] nahr ʿĪsā (River Isa)
[043] Baghdad
[044] The River Euphrates
[045] Kalwādhā
[046] Wāsīt
[047] Wāsīt
[048] al-Madāʾin (Ctesiphon)
[049] Nahr Sābus
[050] The marshes of Basra
[051] al-Madhār
[052] al-Maftaḥ
[053] Sulaymānān
[054] Nahr al-Ubullah (al-Ubullah River)
[055] ʿAbbādān
[056] al-Sharishī said in his commentary on the Maqāmāt of al-Ḥarīrī: ‘The Tigris flows along the surface of the Earth for 400 farsaks

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22 Classical Nasibis, modern Nusaybin, a major city between the Tigris and the Euphrates, on the upper reaches of Nahr al-Hirmas (EI2, art. ‘Naṣībīn’).

23 In Abbasid times, one in the sequence of small towns on the main route between Naṣībīn and Mosul (EI2, art. ‘Barḳaʿīd’; Cornu 1985, 15).

24 Another town on the main route between Naṣībīn and Mosul. It is no longer extant (EI2, art. ‘Barḳaʿīd’; Cornu 1985, 16).

25 Another town on the main route between Naṣībīn and Mosul. According to the location on the map, this is probably not the modern town of Balad south of Sāmarrāʾ (EI2, art. ‘Barḳaʿīd’; Cornu 1985, 16).


27 The river Zāb, a name applied to two tributaries of the Tigris, one called al-Zāb al-kabīr (the Greater Zāb) and the other called al-Zāb al-ṣaghīr (the lesser Zāb); both rivers originate in Azerbaijan and Armenia and flow in a south-westerly direction (Cornu 1985, 24; EI2, art. ‘Zāb’).

28 A town near where the lesser Zāb river flows into the Tigris (EI2, art. ‘Zāb’; Cornu 1985, 33).

29 Modern al-Dūr, or al-Dawr. See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 60; also label no. 330 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3, p. 179).

30 Unidentified.

31 Modern Tikrit, north of Sāmarrāʾ along the Tigris (EI2, art. ‘Takrīt’).

32 See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 59; also label no. 330 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3). For the topography of Sāmarrāʾ, see Northedge 2005.

33 See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 58; and also label no. 329 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3). This is not the more famous Karkh of Baghdad, but rather Karkh Samarrai, a military cantonment housing of the Abbasid caliph’s Turkish guard. The ruins of al-Karkh are north of Sāmarrāʾ, though on this map they have been placed south of Sāmarrāʾ (EI2, art. ‘Karkh’; Northedge 2005).

34 See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 56; also label no. 327 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).

35 Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 55; also label no. 326 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).

36 See Ibn Hawqal map of Iraq, label no. 54; also label no. 325 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3).

37 A medieval town just south of Baghdad (EI2, art. ‘Kalwādhā’; Cornu 1985, 19).

38 As in the map of the Euphrates (labels nos. 039 and 040; fig. 2.17, p. 85), the city of Wāsīt is indicated twice.

39 A repetition of the previous label.

40 The Arabic name of the ancient town of Ctesiphon, 20 miles south-west of Baghdad (EI2, art. ‘al-Madāʾin’).

41 The ruins of al-Madhār are on the eastern side of the Tigris, south of Wāsīt and north of Basra (Cornu 1985, 30).

42 A medieval city near Basra, whose precise position has not been identified (Cornu 1985, 30).

43 See label no. 043 on the map of the Euphrates (fig. 2.17).

44 A town of medieval Iraq situated in the delta region of the Tigris-Euphrates. It was the main seaport on the Tigris estuary before the foundation of Basra (EI2, art. ‘Ubulla’). The label here refers to a canal running between the River Tigris and Basra.

45 See label no. 042 on the map of the Euphrates (fig. 2.17).

46 This marginal note was added later by a reader. Ahmad ibn ʿAbd al-Muʾmin al-Sharishī (d. 619/1222) was a philologist and littérature of Muslim Spain who composed very popular commentaries on one of the best-known pieces of classical Arabic literature, the Maqāmāt written by al-Ḥarīrī (d. 516/1122) a century earlier. See Drory 2000, 194.
al-Multān. The correct form of the name is al-Multān. The prophet Yahyā (John) was there.

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1 The map and its labels are only in Ms A, and not in MS D. This map does not have a title and represents localities along both the Indus and the Ganges. It seems that the map-maker believed these two great rivers of the northern Indian sub-continent to form one continuous river system. A minority of the localities shown are in Muslim Sind. The rest are along itineraries from Multān to Qannauj, capital of the Gurjana-Pratihāra dynasty who controlled north and north-west India; and from Qannauj to China, probably through Tibet to Chang'an, modern Xi’an, in western China. For this map, see Rapoport 2008.

2 Makrān is the medieval name for the coastal region of southern Baluchistan, bisected by the modern political boundary between India and Pakistan (EF, art. ‘Makrān’).

3 Sindān (modern Sanjān), 50 miles north of Thana. A port on the western coast of India mentioned by early Islamic geographers as a flourishing mercantile town (EF, art. ‘Sindān’). See also label no. 280 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3, p. 179); Ibn Hawqal map of Sind, label no. 45.

4 The ancient port town of Sind, near modern Karachi. See also label no. 278 on the Rectangular World Map (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3, p. 179); and Ibn Hawqal map of Fars, label no. 65.


6 The major port of the region of Makrān in the medieval period, located in the bay of Cābāhār (Maqbul Ahmad 1960, 180; EF, art. ‘Makrān’).

7 Al-Mansūrah, principal city of Muslim Sind, north-east of modern Hyderabad. The Arabs had conquered the ancient city of Brahmanabādh, re-named it al-Mansūrah and made it their capital during the first of the 8th/9th century (EF, art. ‘Mansūra’). There are several versions concerning this re-naming of the city. Here the re-naming is attributed to ‘Umar ibn Ḥāfṣ ibn Aḥī Sufrāh al-Muhallabī (d. 154/771), governor of Sind under the Abbasid caliph al-Mansūr (Yāqūt 1886, 4665; EF, art. ‘Muhallabīd’).

8 Modern Multan. The name Multān is the name given by the Arabs to the ancient town of Mulasthana on the Upper Indus. It was conquered in the beginning of the 2nd/8th century, and became a centre of Muslim Sind. The geographical literature preserves variant spellings of the name of the city, such as Multān by Mas’ūdī (Mas’ūdī 1962, 1139, no. 412) and Yāqūt (1886, 4629). Hudāid 1970, 89, gives ‘Multān’ not only as the name of the city, but also as the name of the Hindu idol worshipped there (EF, art. ‘Multān’ [Y. Friedmann]).

9 The beginning of India.

10 It (Multan) has 100,000 villages.

11 The name al-Mūltān [means] ‘the opening of gold’ (faraj al-dhahab), for [when] Muḥammad ibn Yūsuf, the brother of al-Hajjāj, entered it, he found there 400 bhār of gold. The bhār is 400 mann, and the mann is 180 mithqāls, therefore the bhār is 9(0),000 mithqāls. So 400 bhārs are 23,000,000 mithqāls and 760,000 mithqāls.

12 River.

13 River.

14 River.

15 River.

16 River.

17 Sind.

18 The route to Qannauj.

19 T-ṭ-y-z. Its inhabitants are idol-worshippers.

20 This sentence appears to relate to the province surrounding the city of Multān. Al-Mas’ūdī notes that there were 120,000 villages in the environs of Multān (Mas’ūdī 1962, 1139, no. 417). Muḥammad ibn Yūṣuf is an error for Muḥammad ibn al-Qāsim al-Ṭhaqāfī, the commander sent by al-Hajjāj ibn Yūṣuf (d. 857/704) to conquer Sind. The author erroneously claims that he was the brother of al-Hajjāj (EF, art. ‘Muḥammad ibn al-Qāsim’); Ibn Khurraḍadhibhī 1198, 56). The calculations in this passage appear to be wrong. The passage begins by saying that one bhār equals 400 mann and that one mann equals 180 mithqāls, and if those values are used, then one bhār would equal 72,000 mithqāls, and 400 bhārs would be 28,800,000 mithqāls.

21 The labels below (nos. 009—026) are stops on an itinerary towards Qannauj, capital of the Gurjana-Pratihāra dynasty who controlled north and north-west India. Most of these are also indicated on the map of the Indian Ocean (labels 016, 027, 028, 029, 030, 032; Chapter Seven, Book Two, fig. 2.5, p. 156).

22 Unidentified locality near Multān, on the route to Qannauj. Appears also on the Indian Ocean map, label no. 022 (Chapter Seven, Book Two, fig. 2.5, p. 156), where it is written َناج (t-k-z-y-z). It is uncertain whether the lines of text written horizontally, describing the worship of idols, refer to this locality or to another town.
[020] D-a-w-r-b-w-r (Dāvalpur ?). Indian. Its ruler is called būrah.14

[021] A-y-r-w-y (Rūpar ?)15

[022] D-w-r-a-z. Indian. The first king to rule it was... on the route from Benares towards Assam.

[023] Bānāśhwār; the name of its ruler is x-j-w-t-d-y-a17

[024] S-w-r-w-h18

[025] M-h-d-w-a (Mahāʿūn ?). A large city, in which the Brahmins are found.19

[026] Bīrwār (?)20

[027] The city of Qannauj, capital of al-Hind (India), in which there are many quarters and mar-

kets, and its king. It has 370 būrdād (?), and he [i.e., the king?] has 2,500 elephants.21

[028] The route toward China from (Qannauj)22

[029] Frayān (Prayāg). The River of the Stone (River Jumna) is there.23

[030] City of N-b-a-r-s (= Banāris) (City of Benares)24

[031] City of B-t-z (= Butan?)25

[032] City of X-t-r-k-r-a26

[033] City of A-r-n-x

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14 Appears also on the Indian Ocean map, label no. 020 (Chapter Seven, Book Two, fig. 2.5). It is probably Déopolpur (or Dipalpur) on the Bēāh tributary of the Indus, about 200 km east-north-east of Multān. It was the seat of a branch of the Chāhamāna dynasty during the ninth century (Majumdar 1955, 107; Sharma 1959, 350; Jackson 1999, 131; Habib 1982, 4A). The name Būrah appears to be a variant of the name of the king of Qannauj given by Arab geographers. Al-Masʿūdī gives the variants ی/i rd (Barūzah) and ی/i r (Baʿūzah), and claims that the name is associated with every king of Qannauj (Masʿūdī 1962, no. 412). Modern historians offer diverse interpretations for this name. According to one, Bāiūra is a corruption of Pratīhāra (Tripathi 1957, 288). Another suggestion is that the name refers to the title 'Barāha', one of the titular names of the Pratīhāra ruler Mihira Bhoga (r. 836–848) (Majumdar 1955, x).

15 Appears also on the Indian Ocean map, label no. 019 (Chapter Seven, Book Two, fig. 2.5); possibly a corruption of Rūpar (رور), on the Satlej branch. See Jackson 1999, 117, 131; Habib 1982, 4A (Rupar).

16 Appears also on the Indian Ocean map, label no. 017 (Chapter Seven, Book Two, fig. 2.5), where it is written كاَر (k-w-r-a-n). Unidentified locality on the route from Multān to Qannauj.

17 Appears also on the Indian Ocean map, label no. 016 (Chapter Seven, Book Two, fig. 2.5). Probably Thaneswar (Thāneswārīna) on the upper Jumna, a major Hindu religious centre (Kennedy 2002, 62b; Schwartzberg 1992, IV.1, VI.2; EI2, art. 'Thānesar').

18 Possibly a corruption of Mathūrā (ماحور), on the Jumna river, which was one of the great cities of medieval India and a natural stopping point on any practical itinerary between Multān and Qannauj (Schwartzberg 1992, IV.1, IV.2; MacLean 1989, 59–63). Al-Bīrūnī calls it Māhūra (باهور) (Bīrūnī 1888, 1299, 2336; Bīrūnī 1958, 158). On the history of the city in the Islamic period, see EI2, art. 'Mathura'.

19 Probably Mahāʿūn, or Mahāvana, a sacred town in the vicinity of Mathūrā on the Jumna river between Delhi and Agra. For the form Mahāʿūn used by Muslim sources, see Jackson 1999, 131, 134, 143; Habib 1982, 4A (Mahoban). It is also possible to read the label as Mahodaya or Mahodayā ('full of high prosperity'), one of the names associated with the city of Qannauj (Tripathi 1937, 4–6; Mishra, 1977, 38, 70; Majumdar 1955, 29).

20 Probably Bīrwār, modern Bewar in Uttar Pradesh, a town on the main Etawah—Farrukhabad road, 17 miles east of Mani-
puri, and some 45 km north-west of Qannauj ('Google maps', maps.google.co.uk [accessed 30/04/2012]). It is mentioned in Moghul sources as Birwar or Berwar (Habib 1982, 8A).

21 Qannauj or Qinnawj (Sanskrit: Kanaakubja or Kanyākubja), capital of the Gurjara-Pratihāra dynasty who controlled north and north-west India. Modern Qannauj (written Kannauj) lies in the Farrukhabad district of Uttar Pradesh (EI2, art. 'Kanawaj'; Tripathi 1959, 3). In its heyday, Qannauj was the nodal point of the trade routes for the entire sub-continent. Al-Bīrūnī's geography of India is in effect a list of the routes connecting the city with the different parts of India in all directions (Bīrūnī 1888: 209–9; 2336–20; Wink 1990, 1298). These routes are also illustrated in Schwartzberg 1992, plate IV.3 (2). The description of Qannauj as the capital of India probably dates from the period of Gurjara-Pratihāra power at its height, between the second half of the ninth century and the early decades of the tenth century. By the end of the tenth century the Pratihāra domain had crumbled to the territory immediately surrounding Qannauj. The city was then sacked by Mahmud of Ghazna in 1018 AD (Wink 1990, 1285; Hudūd 1970, 89 no. 29; Sauvaget 1948, 12–13). The second line of the label, discussing the wealth of the king, may be corrupt. The term būrdād (likely to be read بورد or بارد) is obscure. Qannauj is also indicated on the Rectangular World Map, label no. 289 (Chapter Two, Book Two, fig. 2.3, p. 179).

22 The localities indicated underneath (labels nos. 029–040) compose an overland itinerary from north-east India towards China, which is unique in Arabic geographical literature. The itinerary starts by following the Ganges eastwards, and then continues through the Tibetan Plateau. For medieval overland routes between India and China, see Sen 2003, 168–182.

23 Modern Allāhābād. One of the most ancient towns in India, regarded as sacred by the Hindus. It lies on the confluence of the rivers Ganges and the Jumna (EI2, art. 'Allahabad').

24 Benares, also known as Kāshī or Varanasi. Situated on the left bank of the Ganges. Described by the seventh-century pilgrim Hiuen Tsang as a large and prosperous town on the India-China route (Watters 1904, 2248). In the middle of the tenth century it was still under the authority of the Pratihāra kings of Qannauj (Tripathi 1959, 267). It was captured by Muslim forces in 990/1193 (EI2, art. 'Benares').

25 Probably Patāliputra, modern Patnā, situated on the right bank of the Ganges, on the route from Benares towards Assam (Schwartzberg 1992, IV.1 and IV.2; EI2, art. 'Patna'). Called پاتلپور in Al-Bīrūnī (Bīrūnī 1958, 159).

26 Unidentified city, on the route from Qannauj to China. It is possibly Mughagari, or Mungiri, modern Monghyr, which is a city on the Ganges east of Patāliputra. It was the capital of the Pāla dynasty since the second half of the 8th century (Schwartzberg 1992, IV.1 and IV.2). Al-Bīrūnī calls it مکی ی (Mekī 1958, 159).
| 034 | City of Qārūrā |
| 035 | City of Awlhās (Lhasa ?)27 |
| 036 | City of K-x-h-m-a |
| 037 | City of D-w-k-r-a |
| 038 | City of T-k-sh-t-m-w-r |
| 039 | The building of the king A-m-d-r-f-l-a (Amudar-palā ?)28 |
| 040 | City of T-r-q-a-r |
| 041 | The Gate of China29 |
| 042 | Mountains of Tibet |

27 Probably Lhasa, capital of Tibet. It also mentioned by a Persian author of a ninth-century geography as لاماسا (Hudūd 1979, 93, 258).

28 The name of the king is undoubtedly corrupted. Given that the Sanskrit 'p' is generally rendered by the Arabic ہ, this is possibly a reference to one of the kings of Pāla dynasty, who ruled eastern India since the middle of the 8th century until the 13th century. The Arabic sources call this kingdom Dharma (درما). See Maṣʿūdi 1962, 1:173; Sauvaget 1948, 3, 14, 35–36; Wink 1996, 1:255–6.

29 Unidentified locality. Since it is the end point of an overland itinerary from India and through the Tibetan Plateau towards the Chinese capital Xi’an, it is likely to be in the region of Xining at the edge of the Tibetan Plateau. In a maritime context—but evidently not here—the 'Gate of China' is the name given by the third/ninth-century author of the Akhbar al-Ṣūn to the mouth of the river at Canton (Sauvaget 1948, 9 [no. 16], 46; Tibbetts 1979, 243).
[see fig. 2.20, p. 79, for the Map of the Oxus, and for the numbers provided below in square brackets]

1 The full diagram is only found in MS A, MS D, fol. 121a, has an untitled, simplified and sparsely labelled diagram of the Oxus (see fig. 0.19, p. 28, in the Introduction, the left-hand side). For this map, see Rapoport 2008.

2 For the significance of the sign of Sagittarius being the ascendant, see note 59 to the text portion of Chapter Twelve above. In Book One, Chapter Two, several geographical localities are associated with the sign of Sagittarius, but none of them are in the region of the River Oxus.

3 One of the five tributaries of the Oxus indicated on medieval Arabic maps. The name is more often written as Andijārāgh or Andijārāgh (Cornu 1985, 157; Le Strange 1905, 435 and map ix).

4 One of the five tributaries of the Oxus indicated on medieval Arabic maps. The name is more often written as Barbān or sometimes Babān (Le Strange 1905, 435 and map ix; Cornu 1985, 169).

5 One of the five tributaries of the Oxus indicated on medieval Arabic maps. The name of the river here is corrupt.

6 One of the five tributaries of the Oxus indicated on medieval Arabic maps. On other maps, the name is written as Khisāb, Wakhshāb or Makhshāb. See Cornu 1985, 170 (Nahr Wakhshāb); EI2, art. ‘Barbān’; Bregel 2003.

7 Modern Termez, an important medieval town on the upper Jayhūn River, in present-day Uzbekistan (EI2, art. ‘Tirmīdīh’).

8 The copyist has written the familiar name of the Persian city of Qazwin instead of the unfamiliar name of Farabr, a medieval town on the opposite side of the river from Āmul (EI2, art. ‘Farabr’; Bregel 2003, 25 map 12).

9 Kath or Kat, A town on the eastern side of the Oxus, south of the Aral Sea; see Bregel 2003 (Kath).

10 Al-Qaryah al-Hadithah (The New Village [Yangikent])

11 Khwārah is a town near the Aral Sea mentioned by Ibn Hawqal as Ḥwārah or Khwārah (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 393). Al-Qaryah al-Hadithah, or Yangikent in Turkish (literally, ‘the new city’), the capital of the Oghuz until AD 1043, located on the delta of the Sir Darya. See Bregel 2003 (Yangikent).

12 The region of Shāsh (near modern Tashkent), on the Sir Darya. See EI2, art. ‘Shāsh’; Bregel 2003 (shash or Chach).

13 Balkh (classical Bactria), near modern Mazar-i Sharif. See EI2, art. ‘Balkh’.

14 Kurkanj or Gurganj, a town south of the Aral Sea and west of the Oxus delta, in modern Uzbekistan. See Bregel 2003 (Gurganj).

15 Mizdahqān, a town near Gurganj, to the east of Oxus delta (Bregel 2003).

16 Āmul (modern Āmol), in Tabaristan. See Ibn Hawqal map of Daylām and Tabaristan, label no. 19. It is located, as the map correctly shows, across the river from the town of Farabr.

17 A town on the west bank of the Oxus river; modern Kerki in Turkmenistan. See Bregel 2003 (Zemm); Cornu 1985, 156 (Kerkī).

18 Kalif or Kaylif, modern Kelif, a village on the southern bank of the Oxus. See EI2, art. ‘Kelif’; Bregel 2003 (Kelif).

19 The village of Madhr is indicated by Ibn Hawqal on an itinerary between Balkh and Bāmiyān (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 428, 447; Ibn Hawqal 1964, 2,415; Yaqūt 1866, 4,479).

20 The river Jaryāb, or Panj, is the name of a main branch of the Oxus that originates in the Pamir mountains. It is indicated by Ibn Hawqal as the name of main branch of the Oxus. See Ibn Hawqal 1938, 430; Ibn Hawqal 1964, 416; Bregel 2003 (Jaryāb, Panj).

21 Khī, a locality indicated by Ibn Hawqal on the itinerary between Balkh and Bāmiyān (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 428, 447; Ibn Hawqal 1964, 2,415).

22 Faryāb, modern Dawlatābād, in Guzganan, located on the Ab-i Qaysar river. See EI2, art. ‘Faryāb’; Yaqūt 1866, 840–1; Bregel 2003 (map 12 4B). As the map correctly shows, the Ab-i Qaysar dwindles away in the eastern Qara-Qum desert, and doesn’t feed into the Oxus.
Had we to describe every river on the surface of the Earth, it would have been excessively long and the book would go beyond its aims of brevity and the concise presentation of the required knowledge. We shall start by listing the names of the remaining rivers, as much as one can, God willing.

We say: water is the temperament of the spirit, and delight of the soul, and the constitution of the body of all men and animals, since it resembles them and conforms to them. One of the virtues of water is that no drink, be it pure, clear, agreeable, or sweet as it can be, has any substitute for water. Without water any living creature would die, as water is the stamina in its body, its energy, its nourishment, and is always within it. Watching flowing water brings joy to the soul, pleasure to the eyes and solace to the heart. When water is salty, it produces ambergolis, pearls and gems. When it is clear and pleasant, it revives the soul. There is nothing that does not contain water, or is touched by water or created out of water, as water is another word for sperm (nutfah) and nutfah another name for water.

Water tastes delicious after being infused with other products, such as sugar and the like. It quickens the flow of food through the throat. It is used for cleansing the body and washing away dirt. The Prophet, may God's Peace and Prayers be upon him, said that water cannot be polluted by anything. Water is vital to all things, and is one of the four elements. It is said that the best water is rainwater collected in clean cloth; then (then) waters that fall on a mountain and are collected on a rock; then the waters of the great rivers; then waters of large and deep pools; then waters that flow down from the mountains; then hot boiled water that can be used for any purpose. But the waters of the hailstones in winter are not good for drinking.

Drinking rainwater stored in something clean is useful for those who suffer from the liver (complaints) and jaundice. Drinking rainwater that is collected in a vessel before it reaches the ground is useful for those who want to improve their memory. One can treat leprosy by mixing rainwater with a little honey and mastic. Water from hailstones, when collected and poured onto a burning Persian cane and simmered with it, is useful against rottenness of the teeth [al-ḥafr] and for strengthening of the teeth. Drinking a mixture of snow water and human sweat relieves those who suffer from spasms. Drinking a mixture of snow waters and she-ass milk relieves the palpitation of the heart. If snow-water is mixed with cuttlefish bone (zabad al-bahr, lit. 'sea-foam') and daubed on scabies, it cures them.

Daubing a mixture of ashes from the oven and snow water relieves black leprosy. Those who suffer from the vapours of melancholy should eat a concoction of water from a new canal into which crumbles of wheat bread were added and candy-sugar was poured. It [snow water] is also useful for pains of the chest and stomach. A spring whose water is immediately visible is useful for madness and delusions. If a spring occurs in a saline area, and good-quality rue and crushed caper-root are added into it, water from that spring is a medicine for lepers. Sulphurous springs are useful for the treatment of scabies. When one takes salty sea-water and simmers it in a vessel, daubed on scabies, it cures them.

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1 This chapter is preserved in copies A and D.
2 Compare this passage with Ibn al-Faqih 1973, 267.
3 Compare this passage with Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 223; Ibn al-Faqih 1973, 267. See the discussion in Miqael 1967, 3358.
water and mixes it with honey and sweet cyperus, and then rubs it on the tip of the tongue, it removes foul breath, and gives a good smell to the mouth and to the breath.

**ON THE RIVERS**

The two Zāb rivers. The first of them has its origins in the mountains of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Shahrazūr.

The Rass and the Kur are two large rivers in Armenia. They come out of mountains, meet up in a place called Barzakh, also called Armenia. They come out of mountains, meet up in a place called Barzakh, also called Majmaʿ al-Bahrayn (the Meeting of the Seas), and then flow to the Sea of Jurjān (the Caspian Sea).9

River of Arrān [?], [before the Rass River],10 in the lands of [ in Baylaqān ?], then joins the Kur river.11

The river Zanda-rūd, which is the valley of Isfahān, originates from the city and provides water for its suburbs, of which there are seventeen, and then dwindles away in the sand. It resurfaces in Kirmān about sixty farsakhs [away].12

Sayhān, the river of Adana, originates in the lands of the Rūm (Byzantium) and flows into the Mediterranean.13

The origins of Jayhān, the river of al-Maṣṣīṣah, are in the lands of the Rūm (Byzantium) and it flows into the river of al-Tināt. It descends from Wādī al-Rūd and discharges into the Mediterranean.14

The river of Antioch, which is the Urund (Orontes), also called the al-maqlūb (literally, ‘the inverse’). It starts in the province of Damascus, and then flows from the South until it discharges into the Mediterranean.15

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8 The reference here is either to the city of Bārdā in Azerbaijan (Bardhaʿah, Arabic: بَرْذَعَة), indicated on the map of the Caspian (label no. 030, fig. 2.7, p. 146, in Chapter Eleven, Book Two), or to the barzakh, the barrier between the two seas mentioned in the Qurʾān. Compare Ibn Khurraḍādhbih 1889, 174–5: حَتَّى بِلْغَهُ الْمَيْمَى وَهُوَ مَجْمُوعُ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَذُوبُ الْحَيَّ الْمَاءَ وَتَنْفِدُ وَيَتَوَسَّعُ وَيَوْمَئِذُ هوُ الْأَبْرَزُ (‘until it [River Rass] reaches the “meeting point”, which is the meeting point of the two seas mentioned by God, and meets the Kur’). This a reference to the barrier, or barzakh, between the two oceans mentioned in the Qurʾān (Q 55:20). A parallel text in Ibn Rustah 1892, 89: أن يَزْوَى مَدِينَةٌ إِذَا جَاءَ هُوَ رَأَى اَمْرٍ اَسْتَحْيى مَعَ الْأَبْرَزِ (‘when the Rass passes by the city of بَرْذَعَة, it meets the Kur’), suggests that the city of Bārdā is intended.

9 The River Rass is modern Aras, which rises near Erzurum in Turkey and flows to the Caspian. Kur is the largest river in the Caucasus. The two meet some 100 miles west of the Caspian Sea (EI2, art. ‘Kur’).

10 Added by MS D.

11 The text is corrupt here. Comparison with Ibn Khurraḍādhbih 1889, 174 and Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 296 suggest that is a corruption of إِرَانْ, i.e., Arrān, a district in Transcaucasia between the Kur and the Aras. The Arabic بلِدان (‘in the lands of’) is probably a corruption of بلِدان Baylaqān, the major town of Arrān in the medieval period (EI2, art. ‘Baylaqān’). Both Ibn Khurraḍādhbih and Ibn al-Faqīh mention that the river of Arrān flows into the River Rass, and that Baylaqān is located between the Rass and the Kur.

12 Arab geographers believed that the Zanda-rūd (or Zarand-rūd), after dwindling away in the sand, resurfaces in 60 farsakhs away from there, in the province of Kirmān (Ibn Khurraḍādhbih 1889, 1761–13; Ibn al-Faqīh 1973, 319; Qazwini 1966, 299).

13 Modern Turkish Seyhan, the ancient Saros, which flows through Cilicia towards the Mediterranean (EI2, art. ‘Seyhan’).

14 This is the modern Turkish Ceyhan, the ancient Pyramus, which also crosses Cilicia towards the Mediterranean (EI2, art. ‘Jayhān’). The localities mentioned here are drawn from the account in Ibn Khurraḍādhbih 1889, 1771–2.

Al-mayj (flying gurnard): In China there is a fish, whose face resembles a human face, which flies above the water. Underneath it there is a fish that follows it, and this fish is called the 'anqarâs.

In China there is also a small whale, called astânîs. The author of [the book entitled] al-Ṭabî‘ah related that in spite of its small size, this whale is able to block a large ship. It clings to the front of the ship and the ship cannot move, even if pulled by many men and by every wind, until the whale lets it go.4

The remainder of the chapter is on marine creatures which are associated with the shape of the lunar mansions.5

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1 The chapter is preserved in MS G as well as MS A and MS D.
2 Oman 1966, 139 (nos. 243), identifies this as Dactylopterus volitans, known in English as the flying gurnard. Its more common Arabic name is بيت طيار, 'flying fish'. This fish, and the one that follows it, both appear in the third/ninth-century Akhbar al-Sin (Sauvaget 1948, 3, 34). Sauvaget notes that ميغ is the Persian name for locust and proposes it as the correct reading. It is possibly the same fish name as that given by ibn Khurradaddhibh 889, 64, See a similar account of an unnamed fish, without the reference to China, in Maxu‘i 1938, 21.
3 The book cited here is Aristotle’s Historia Animalium (or History of Animals), translated together with his De partibus animalium (On the Parts of Animals) into Arabic in the third/ninth century by an unidentified translator under the title Tibîr al-ḥayawan (‘animal-latin’). See Aristutûlîs 1977.
4 The Greek text of Aristotle mentions a small fish called ḫugelôba (meaning ‘detaining’ or ‘holding back’) which he says is useful as a love charm and also for stopping legal proceedings. Aristotle at this point seems to have confused a small fish (probably a blenny or goby) with a larger fish of the same name that was believed to be able to slow down ships by sticking to their hulls (Aristotle 1965, HA 505b9q). The Arabic translation of Aristotle’s treatise adds that this fish, called in translation the ‘holder of the ship’ (مباشرة السفينة), can prevent ships from moving (Aristutûlîs 1977, 81). It is the larger fish having the name echeneis that Pliny referred to in his Natural History when he said: ‘There is quite a small fish that frequents rocks, called the sucking fish (echeneis, or remora). This is believed to make ships go more slowly by sticking to their hulls, from which it has received its name; and for this reason it also has an evil reputation for supplying a love-charm and for acting as a spell to hinder litigation in the courts’ (Pliny 1938, 3:215–7 [9.xli.79]).
5 See Book One, Chapter Nine, above for a full discussion of lunar mansions. The present text describes fabulous creatures, often semi-human in form, with the shapes and names of the twenty-eight lunar mansions. A tradition of describing semi-human talismanic designs that were to be drawn when the Moon was in

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A beast called mûk, having a bearded human face with a tuft of hair, the winged body of a bird, and two legs. Its lower part is that of a coiling serpent. It is associated with the name of al-sharatayn (Lunar Mansion I).

A beast called tâsh, having the head of a bird with two ears, a human body with hands, and two wings. At its [other] end there is a bearded human head wearing a cap. It is associated with the name of al-bûtayn (Lunar Mansion II).

A beast called n-y-r-s, having the form of a woman sitting cross-legged, with a crown on her head, tresses hanging down, and holding a fig leaf in her hand. It is associated with the name of al-thurayyâ (Lunar Mansion III, the Pleiades).

A beast called ʿa-s-t-t-r-s, having the form of a human in profile, reclining on its back and lifting its legs towards its face. It holds its thighs together with its hands. Above its head there is the body of a coiled serpent (turning backwards. It is associated with the name of al-dabarân (Lunar Mansion IV).6
A beast called *sh-f-r-q*, having the form of a man, with his face in profile. He is holding his right hand to his chest, extending his left hand, and bending at the waist. Its lower half is the body of a fish. It is associated with the name of *al-haqʻah* (Lunar Mansion V).

A beast called *x-b-w-s*, having the form of a woman holding her left hand to her cheek, with the elbow of that hand on the palm of her right hand. She has a crown on her head. The lower half of her body looks like a fish with a tail. It is associated with the name of *al-hanʻah* (Lunar Mansion VI).

A beast called *kāsh*, having the form of a woman squatting, with a circular crown on her head. On her bosom there is a lute, which she is playing. Her tresses are hanging down. It is associated with the name of *al-dhirāʿ* (Lunar Mansion VII).

A beast called *h-r-w-sh*, having the form of a human face in profile, with a tilted coned cap on its head. Its hand is stretching from the middle to the tip [of the cap]. It has the body of the beast called *ashkar* with wings, hands and legs. Its tail is like a lion's tail. It is associated with the name of *al-nathrah* (Lunar Mansion VIII).

A beast called *gh-l-s*, having the form of a dog's head, with dog's ears, but the winged body of a bird, with legs and claws. A snake passes over its body, coiling towards its tail, so that it looks like a bearded human head in profile. It is associated with the name of *al-tarf* (Lunar Mansion IX).

A beast called *x-y-l*, having the form of the large human head, with beard and hair, and the thighs of a beast of prey. Legs and claws extend directly from its neck. It is associated with the name of *al-jabbah* (Lunar Mansion X).

A beast called *lūsh* having the form of a human face in profile and the body of a bird. It is associated with the name of *al-kharatān* (Lunar Mansion XI).9

A beast called *x-x-q-a-r*, having the form of a beast's head, with its ears and its neck and two wings, but the out-stretched paws of a lion. Its bottom half is the body of a thick coiling serpent. It is associated with the name of *al-ṣarfah* (Lunar Mansion XII).

A beast called *qunbās* (?, having the head of a lion, with its mouth open and its fangs visible. The body is that of a lion with two wings. At the tip of its tail it has a human head, bearded and with straight hair. It is associated with the name of *al-ʿawwāʾ* (Lunar Mansion XIII).

A beast called *arkāsh* (?), having the form of a bearded human head in profile, with the nose reaching the forehead. It stretches its right hand to grab a human head by its beard while the other hand extends behind him. Its middle has the form of a fish. It is associated with (the name of *al-simāk* (Lunar Mansion XIV).)10

A beast called *h-w-m-s*, having the form of a bearded human head, with ears like the ears of cattle. It has the body, wings, legs and tail of a bird. It is associated with the name of *al-ghaftr* (Lunar Mansion XV).

A beast called *awrās* (?), having the form of two girls joined together face to face. They carry between them something like a necklace. They have wings on their backs, and their legs turn backwards. It is associated with the name (of *al-zubānā* (Lunar Mansion XVI).)11

A beast called *kafrūs* (?), having the form of a large face, with a lot of hair and a crown on its head. Its lower part then bifurcates into the bodies of two coiling snakes. This is associated with the name of *al-ilkil* (Lunar Mansion XVII).

A beast called *latīsh* (?), having the form of a human face with a short beard. The upper part of its body has shoulders and arms crooked like the claws of scorpions. These extremities are interlocked and dropped down, without palms or fingers. The lower part of its body has the form of a headless snake and the tail of a bird. It is associated with the name of *al-qalb* (Lunar Mansion XVIII).

A beast called *r-z-k*, having the form of a man's [head] in profile, with ears like those of a fox. It stretches its arms to the right side. The lower part of its body has the form of a thick snake. It is like *al-shawlah* (Lunar Mansion XIX).

A beast called *bijān* (?), having the form of a woman with tresses, a circular crown on her head,

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7 On this mythical beast, see also Book Two, Chapter Twenty-four below.
8 Text: *al-Tarīf*.
9 Arabic: *saba‘*, can be any predatory animal, though it often refers to a lion.
10 The more common name for Lunar Mansion XI was *al-zubār*, but the name *al-kharatān* was also used earlier in Book One, Chapter Nine.

11 The text between brackets was omitted by the copyist and found only in MS G and D.
12 The text between brackets was omitted by the copyist and found only in MS G and D.
and the hands of a bird with wings. It resembles\textsuperscript{13} \textit{al-na'ā'īm} (Lunar Mansion XX).

A beast called \textit{h-m-r-s-h}, having the form of a man in profile, turning to his right-hand side, and stretching his right hand towards a sword. His left hand is extended with the palm open, on which lies the head of a girl with loose hair. The rest of the beast's body is the tail of a serpent. It resembles \textit{sa'd al-dhābih} [\textit{= al-baldah}].\textsuperscript{14}

A beast called \textit{s-l-w-a-t}, having the form of a lion's head, holding in its mouth a protruding fish. It has the body of a lion, human hands and the legs of a lion. A snake coils around its neck. It resembles the \textit{sa'd bula'} [\textit{= sa'd al-dhābih}].\textsuperscript{15}

A beast called \textit{qaf} (?), having the form of half a lion, with human legs and a lion's tail. Its head is inside something which has several heads. It resembles \textit{sa'd al-akhbīyah} [\textit{= sa'd bula'}].\textsuperscript{16}

A beast called \textit{l-gh-w-s}, having the form of a standing man, his face in profile turned towards his right. Along with it, there is something in the shape of a bucket tied to a rope that coils around it. It resembles \textit{al-fargh al-muqaddam} [\textit{= sa'd al-su'ūd}].\textsuperscript{17}

A beast called \textit{fr-n-s}, having the form of half a man, with one hand and one leg. It is holding a serpent, and its tail is that of a lion that has swallowed the serpent. It is associated with form of \textit{sa'd al-akhbīyah} (Lunar Mansion 23).\textsuperscript{18}

A beast called \textit{ḥ-d-f-s}, having the form of a man, his face in profile. In his hand there is a rope in the form of a serpent, which has a round head resembling a pomegranate at its tip. It resembles \textit{al-fargh al-mu'akhkhar} [\textit{= al-fargh al-muqaddam}].\textsuperscript{19}

A beast called \textit{t-f-r-s}, having the form of a man, holding in his hand a big fish with four large spikes. It resembles the form of \textit{baṭn al-ḥūt} [\textit{= al-fargh al-mu'akhkhar}].\textsuperscript{20}

In the Persian Gulf:

There are turtles measuring 20 cubits in diameter, sometimes more and sometimes less. One often finds in their bellies a thousand eggs, sometimes more and sometimes less.\textsuperscript{21} Such a turtle is often as large as an island.

A fish called \textit{kharāṭīm} (literally, snouts or trunks, as of an elephant) which resembles a snake. It has a beak like that of a crane, and in the beak it has teeth like the teeth of a saw.\textsuperscript{22}

A fish called \textit{al-ṣ-l-w-a-t} (dugong). It has genitalia like women, and hair like women's hair. It has no scales, and has the face of a pig.\textsuperscript{23}

A scorpion [fish],\textsuperscript{24} which resembles a scorpion. It has two heads and a tail from the side. Its sting is lethal.

A fish in the form of a cow. Its skin is used to make leather shields. It is said that it menstruates and breastfeeds.\textsuperscript{25}

A fish called \textit{al-dukḥas} (dolphin). It comes to the rescue of those who drown.\textsuperscript{26}

\textsuperscript{13} Arabic: \textit{tashbihi}. Here and hereafter, MS D and MS G have: "it is associated with the name of".

\textsuperscript{14} MS A assigns this design to Lunar Mansion XXII (\textit{sa'd al-dhābih}), while MS G and MS D assign it to \textit{al-baldah}, Lunar Mansion XXII.

\textsuperscript{15} MS A assigns this design to Lunar Mansion XXIII, while MS G and MS D assign it to \textit{sa'd al-dhābih}, Lunar Mansion XXII.

\textsuperscript{16} MS A assigns this design to Lunar Mansion XXV, while MS G and MS D assign it to \textit{sa'd al-bula'}, Lunar Mansion XXII.

\textsuperscript{17} MS A assigns this design to Lunar Mansion XXVI, while MS G and MS D assign it to \textit{sa'd al-su'ūd}, Lunar Mansion XXV.

\textsuperscript{18} The text between brackets is omitted in MS A, and is found only in MS G and MS D.

\textsuperscript{19} MS A assigns this design to Lunar Mansion XXVII, while MS G and MS D assign it to \textit{al-fargh al-muqaddam}, Lunar Mansion XXVI.

\textsuperscript{20} MS A assigns this design to one of the alternative names for Lunar Mansion XXVIII, while MS G and MS D assign it to \textit{al-fargh al-mu'akhkhar}, Lunar Mansion XXVII.

\textsuperscript{21} The text between brackets is omitted in MS A, and is found only in MS G and MS D.

\textsuperscript{22} Compare this entry with Ibn Khurradadhbih 1889, 614, 90; Qazwini 1990, 81.

\textsuperscript{23} Compare this entry with Ibn Al-Faqqih 1885, 932. Ibn Al-Faqqih 1973, 12. In modern Arabic the 'crane fish' (\textit{samak al-karakîy}) is a type of pike (Wehr 1979, 961).

\textsuperscript{24} Ibn Al-Faqqih 1885, 932: \textit{al-tum} (\textit{dugong}). It has genitalia like women, and hair like women's hair. It has no scales, and has the face of a pig.\textsuperscript{25}

\textsuperscript{25} Compare this entry with Ibn Al-Faqqih 1885, 932, 934.\textsuperscript{26} Ibn Al-Faqqih (Ibn Al-Faqqih 1973, 12). On this fish, and its traditional association with mermaids, see Ma'lof 1952, 88–90. Compare also Qazwini 1990, 81 (slightly different version). Al-Damiri in his \\textit{Hāyat al-umr} mentions \textit{al-altum} as a sea-turtle (Damiri 1994, 146).

\textsuperscript{26} See Oman 1966, 125–3, nos. 229–30.

\textsuperscript{27} Compare this entry with Ibn Khurradadhbih 1889, 615. Ibn Al-Faqqih 1885, 936 (where the fish is in the form of a monkey or ape).

\textsuperscript{27} This entry is taken verbatim from Ibn Al-Faqqih 1885, 936. Ibn Hawqal criticizes this account of the dolphin, reproduced in 'silly treatises' (Ibn Hawqal 1938, 156; Miquel 1967, 3378). In the \textit{Hāyat al-Damiri}, \textit{al-dukhus} is given as a name for a dolphin (Damiri 1994, 1465). In the tradition of the marvellous
A fish that comes out of the bottom of the sea and is visible in the waves when the sea swells, and the men of the sea know this is a sign. In Basra the fish is called al-barastūjī (mullet).28

In the Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf and Oman there is a fish called the al-wāl (the whale).29 It is 100 bā’ (fathoms) in length, more or less. It is accustomed to ships, and likes to follow them, but can cause them to sink, as it may capsize the ship when it only tries to cross from one side of the ship to the other. Therefore, when the sailors see it, they blow the horn and hit drums and pails against each other so that it might go away. When it opens its mouth,30 water comes down as if in the slope of a valley. When [it had its fill], it closes its mouth, and blows the water from between its teeth so that it goes up in air as if it is a fountain, while the fish remain inside.

Its adversary among the fish is a fish called lashak (shark sucker).31 It is a small fish, no more than a cubit or two, but it is the enemy of the wāl. It follows the wāl, and, when the wāl is unaware, it grasps the inside of its ear and stays there. When the wāl senses it, it swims to the bottom of the sea in irrigation, but the fish clings in its place without budging. That causes distress to the wāl, which goes on diving to the bottom and emerging on the surface with the fish clinging to it, until it dies.

The Zanj often use this fish to catch large marine animals.32 They attach to its tail a long rope, as thick as the thong33 of a whip. Then they carry it near the boat in underwater cages, chant to it their joyful songs, and watch over it so it does not get eaten or harmed. When the fisherman wants to go fishing, he takes it [the lashak] out of its cage, holds the rope by its end, and then sends it towards the large fish, just as the falconer sends off a sparrow hawk (bāšiq). The fish then clings to the ear [of the larger fish], which then dives into the sea with it [the lashak] attached to it, and then emerges and dives again, while the fisherman loosens the rope. Then the large fish keeps diving up and down until its body weakens, without being able to endure the fish that eats the inside of its ear. At that point the fisherman takes it [the lashak] in his hand, tears it away from the larger fish’s ear and returns it to its cage.

In this sea there is a marine animal that goes over land, where it climbs the coconut palm and feeds on it.34 When a wāl is beached, the men of the sea call it ‘springtime’, since it is a source of profit for them.35 They find in its belly ambergris that it had swallowed, and this ambergris harms the wāl and intoxicates it. The ambergris that is found above the stomach is pure, while the ambergris found in the cloaca36 is mand,37 meaning that it is fetid and decayed ambergris. The meat of this fish consists solely of fat. The seamen draw out the oil from its corpse using jars. They find that the fat38 had solidified around its brain and cannot be extracted

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28 Barastūjī is the vocalisation given in Ibn al-Faqihi 1885, 296 no. 10, and by Massé (Ibn al-Faqihi 1973, 12, 352). F. Viré cites the variations barasūj, barastūk and parastūj, all originating from the Persian verb parastūj (to swallow), and designating the mullet (EF, art. ‘Samak’).

29 For similar accounts of the whale see Ibn Khurradadhībī 1889, 61; Sauvaget 1948, 1–3; Masʿūdī 1962, 126 (no. 247) (النَّتَاسِل-fire); and Qazwīnī 1990, 92 (النَّتَاسِل-fire). Sauvaget notes that the correct reading is wāl, from the Persian word for whale. Damīrī in his Ḥiyāt is following Qazwīnī (Damīrī 1994, 1275 under ال‌نَّتَاسِل-fire).

30 Ms D: ‘When then it runs away, it opens its mouth’.

31 Oman translates lashak as Echeneis Remora, known in English as shark sucker (Oman 1966, 148 no. 299a). This fish is also mentioned at the opening paragraph of this chapter. Sauvaget identifies this fish with the ‘poisson-pilote’, which is the North African name given to the same fish (Sauvaget 1948, 34).

32 The following account of the use of the lashak for catching the large fish (or whale) does not appear in any other comparable source.

33 Arabic: Shayb, ‘the thong at the upper extremity of a whip’ (Lane 1863, 1627).

34 Sauvaget identifies this sea animal as the birgus, or ‘crabe de cocotiers’ (Sauvaget 1948, 47). Compare also Sauvaget 1948, 10 no. 19.

35 On the ambergris taken from whales which are cast ashore, see Masʿūdī 1962, 1278–9 no. 365: ‘The fish called the whale, which I have already mentioned, swallows it. When the sea is very rough it throws up pieces of ambergris as large as rocks, and this fish swallows them. It is asphyxiated by them and then swims up to the surface. Then the Zanj, or men from other lands, who have been biding their time in their boats, seize the fish with harpoons and tackle, cut its stomach open, and take the ambergris out. The pieces found near the bowels have a nauseating smell, and are called nedd by the Iraqi and the Persian chemists; but the pieces found near the back are purer than those which have been a long time in the body’ (translated by Freeman-Grenville 1962, 14–15 slightly amended).

36 Arabic: الدر، the cloaca is the posterior opening of birds and reptiles, but not of mammals.

37 Ms G and Ms D have 15النَّتَاسِل-fire which does not fit in this context. Nudd or nedd, mentioned by Masʿūdī (1962, 1278–9, no. 365, see above) is a compound substance composed of ambergris, musk, frankincense and other items.

38 The Arabic in all manuscripts is 15النَّتَاسِل-fire ‘rock’, ‘hard place’. A later note on the margin of MS G suggests amending the word to 15النَّتَاسِل-fire, ‘the fat’, which has been followed here.
without pick-axes and iron bars.\textsuperscript{39} They also take the bones of its skeleton and use them as chairs.

In this sea there is a fish called \textit{a-l-t-k-s}, which is most often found in the Sea of China. Its gall bladder is used as an antidote to poisons, but can be effective only when used together with the juice of a plant that grows in the land of \textit{Zābaj}.\textsuperscript{40} This fish has two wings like the wings of a bird, four legs, a body like that of a lion, and white scales, each as wide as a dirham, with black edges. A figure of a lion sometimes appears over its scales. These scales are more solid than ivory and more beautiful than silver, and can be used as stones in rings and for adorning girdles.

In the Sea of China there is an animal, called the Indian Crab, which turns into stone as soon as it comes out of the sea. It is useful in eye remedies.\textsuperscript{41}

In the Nile and the Mediterranean there is fish called \textit{al-ra’adah} (the electric ray). It is yellow and flabby. When a man puts his hand on it, the hand shakes and becomes numb so that the fish is able to escape. It is impossible to grab it as long as it is alive. They are often used as a major treatment for debilitation.\textsuperscript{42}

In the Sea of Alexandria there is a fish called \textit{al-sarb} (gilt-head bream).\textsuperscript{43} It is white shading to blue but with a red tail. Its head is like a beak. Eating this fish causes a man to see himself throughout his entire night’s dreams as being sexually penetrated, or to have frightful nightmares.\textsuperscript{44}

In the Sea of Sankhai\textsuperscript{45} there is a fish that, when it falls off, allowing for the appearance of wings with which it directs itself back to the sea.\textsuperscript{46} A fish called \textit{al-qindil} (‘the lamp’, a phosphorescent jelly fish). It has a round body with no shell. It has the blue colour of glass and legs that look like strings.

A fish called \textit{khadāwand samsīr}, which means [in Persian] ‘master of the sword’.\textsuperscript{47} Its upper snout is as long as a sword, five or six cubits more or less, and it has molar teeth along its side. It uses the teeth to strike other fish (or a weasel)\textsuperscript{48} and cut them in half, and then it swallows them. Sometimes it uses the sword to strike small ships and break them.

A fish called \textit{al-ghurāb} (the brown meagre),\textsuperscript{49} which has a beak like a crow’s beak and wings with which it flies.

A fish called \textit{al-qunfudh} (sea-urchin), which looks exactly like a hedgehog.\textsuperscript{50} A fish called dolphin. It looks like an inflated water-skin with a small head. If it catches up with a drowning man, it pushes him towards the shore.\textsuperscript{51} A fish called \textit{a-l-l-b-w-s}, which has a face like a human’s. Its skin is as colourful as that of peacocks, with all kinds of colours. When it is cooked in water, it tastes sour, but when it is roasted over a fire it tastes good.

\textsuperscript{39} Qazwīnī mentions briefly the drawing of oil from the whale’s brain in order to make lamp oil (Qazwīnī 1990, 98).

\textsuperscript{40} Possibly: ‘Zanj’.

\textsuperscript{41} Freeman-Grenville 1981, 100: ‘in the Sanf sea there is an island where crabs, if they reach there, turn to stone at once. This stone is imported into Iraq and elsewhere, and used for clearing white spots on the eye [cornea]. Apothecaries call it a rivercrab’ [translation slightly emended]. See a shorter version in Qazwīnī 1990, 81; Nuwayrī 1923, 10:321. As early as the the 3rd/9th century al-Kindī used \textit{saraṭān baḥrī} combined with opium as a general eye remedy, while the story of the China sea crab solidifying when it leaves water is repeated by Ibn Sīnā (d. 438/1037); see Tibi 2006, 205; levey 1966, 184 no. 176 and 281.

\textsuperscript{42} Compare similar account in Masʿūdī 1938, 25, where the fish is said to be capable of flying. Also see a similar version in Qazwīnī 1990, 95, who reports that this fish is found in the Mediterranean.

\textsuperscript{43} The common Arabic name for a swordfish is indeed \textit{Abū Sayf}, ‘the master of the sword’ (Oman 1966, 125 no. 213).

\textsuperscript{44} Completed by MS D and MS G.

\textsuperscript{47} The Arabic name \textit{قَرَاب} can mean both a crow and the brown meagre fish (in French, corb; Latin \textit{Corvina nigra}); see Oman 1966, 100 (no. 162).

\textsuperscript{48} The Arabic name \textit{قَرَاب} can mean both a crow and the brown meagre fish (in French, corb; Latin \textit{Corvina nigra}); see Oman 1966, 199 no. 339). On the sea-urchin, which is usually called \textit{النفط البحري} (‘water hedgehog’) or simply \textit{النفط}, and its resemblance to the land hedgehog, see Kruk 1985; Qazwīnī 1990, 104–5; and Damir 1994, 2362.

\textsuperscript{49} This is the second time the dolphin is mentioned in this chapter, although under different names (\textit{dukhas} and \textit{dulfīn}), evidence as to the compiling methods of the author. The passage here may be derived from Ibn Hawqal 1938, 156, although Ibn Hawqal is critical of the account of dolphins saving the lives of drowning men (see above). On the dolphin, see Qazwīnī 1990, 99–100; and Nuwayrī 1923, 10313.
A fish called qirsh (shark),\(^{52}\) which has a mane as long as one cubit, like that of huge horse. Its hair is black and thick, and it looks like cords twisted together. The hair is one cubit long. It can make the hair stand up straight so as to look like a reef. When fish pass by it turns the hairs towards the fish and preys on them.

A fish called al-ṣundūq (coffer fish), with a rectangular body, compact, and with a shell like a tortoise. A horn comes out of its head like a deer’s horn or even thicker, and with a thin tip. If this ṣundūq encounters the huge wāl fish at sea it predominates over it, as it enters through the wāl’s nose and strikes it with its horn so as to rip open the wāl’s brain. The wāl continues to be agitated until it dies.

In the sea of Harkand (Bengal) there is a fish called the ṭukhm (shark),\(^{53}\) which swallows people in one gulp.

In the land of Irm,\(^{54}\) on the edge of the lands of the Alans, there is a river where a huge fish comes every year. The people of this place take from its flesh whatever they like. Then the fish turns, comes back and shows them its other side, and again they take from it as much as they want, so much so that fish-meat is abundant in those places. Then the fish departs. The story of this fish is well known across the lands of the Alans. I believe the fish sloughs off this flesh the way a snake sheds its skin, and is greatly relieved by it.

In the Indian Ocean there is a fish that, when you slice open its body, you find another fish within it, and when you slice open that fish you find another one, and so on without end.\(^{55}\)

In the sea there is a community called ‘the daughters of the sea’ (that is, mermaids).\(^{56}\) They look like women with lank hair. Their colour tends toward yellow but not red. They have enormous genitalia, breasts, and they speak in barely intelligible words and laughter. Their skins are viscid. Sometimes they fall into the hands of sailors, who have intercourse with them and derive extreme pleasure from it. They [the mermaids] seldom leave the water.

In the sea there are also creatures called in Coptic ‘Abū Muraynah’,\(^{58}\) because they often appear around Alexandria, al-Burullus and Rashid in the form of human beings. They have black viscid skins and bodies that resemble human form. They cry and wail. If they fall in the hands of fishermen—for they sometimes come to the surface to sunbathe and then they fall in the hands of the fishermen\(^{59}\)—they cry and the fishermen have mercy on them. Many Copts regard seeing these creatures as a blessing, and believe that the day in which their eyes are cast upon them is a blessed day. For this reason the fishermen avoid taking them to the shore.

\(^{52}\) The Arabic  is designated several species of sharks. The same name also designates the common spiny-fish, or spined dogfish, called  or  in Egyptian dialect and  in the dialects of Syria and Palestine (Oman 1966, 22 [no. 36]).

\(^{53}\) One of the common names for sharks, others being  and  (Damiri 1994, 2:430). All manuscripts have  instead, probably a mistake.

\(^{54}\) The following account, save the last sentence, is taken verbatim from Masʿūdi 1962, 1:231. Irm is the name given by Masʿūdi to a tribe in the Caucasus mountains, near a river that flows into the Black Sea, where this fabulous fish is to be found. Pellat suggests it may be identified with the Iron tribes, a section of the Alans (Masʿūdi 1962, 1:231 no. 487; 6:339).

\(^{55}\) Compare this entry with Sauvaget 1948, 2 (no. 2) and Ibn Khurraḍahbhī 1889, 61.

\(^{56}\) This entry is closely related to a slightly shorter entry in Masʿūdi 1938, 17. Compare also with Nuwayri 1923, 10:322–3, and Damiri 1994, 1227.

\(^{57}\) MS D and MS G: ‘black’; Masʿūdi 1938, 17: ‘yellow’.

\(^{58}\) Al-Damiri calls this fish  (old man of the sea), or Abū Muzaynah (Damiri 1994, 2:450). This fish is identified by Oman as the Muraena Helena or moray eel (Oman 1966, 50–1 no. 88), and by Maʿlūf as Monk seal (Maʿlūf 1932, 222).

\(^{59}\) The sentence between brackets is missing in MSA and completed by MS D and MS G.
The Twenty-First Chapter on Deformed Humans

ʿAlī ibn Abī Ṭālib, the Commander of the Faithful, God’s prayers be upon him, had described in his sermon known as the ‘sermon on the species’,² many nations created by God. The Commander of the Faithful listed their strange names one after the other. Praised be their Creator.

Of these nations, the deformed peoples are the following:

A people in the Sea of Barhāndīn (?)³ in the Indian Ocean, who have black faces, like normal humans, but their feet are turned backwards and are a cubit long. Their hair is grey, and their faces long and beardless. They eat any man who falls in their hands, and they share their women.

In the land of the Zanj⁴ there are creatures that look human, but have tails, talk in whistles, and jump from tree to tree.

In the city of Ḥ-x-sh-w-n⁵ in China there are creatures that speak the language of the apes.

In the islands of India there are people who have faces on their chests and big ears. Each of them has both female and male genitalia. Their language is unintelligible.

Near China, in a place called the Šankhai (which is one of the most treacherous)⁶ seas, there are black boys that emerge from the sea. Each of them is four feet (shibr) tall. They cling to the ships and pound them, but cause no harm and then return to the sea. When this happens, the people on board learn that the sea is about to swell, and so prepare for it.⁷

In the land of Wabār⁸ there are many creatures who have suffered the wrath of God. He has changed their form into the nisnās,⁹ so men and women have only one half of their head and face, with one eye, one arm and one leg. They roam about, grazing in this forest all the way to the sea shore. Their land has been taken over by ants, each ant as big as a large ewe, capable of knocking a horseman off his horse. Others say that their land has been overtaken by jinn, and those ants are the jinn’s beasts of burden.

Al-Farazdaq (d. c. 110/728) said:¹⁰
You have strayed from your father while seeking the tribe of Dārim,
Astray like the one who vainly seeks the road to Wabār;
He shall never find the right way, even if directed straight to the watering-hole, not by following the tracks.¹¹

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¹ The chapter is preserved in MS G as well as MS A and MS D.
² ʿAlī’s ‘sermon on the species’ is mentioned by al-Maqrīzī with regard to the Beja tribes in Upper Egypt. Al-Maqrīzī is citing from the lost work of the Fatimid author Ahmad b. Sulaym al-Aswānī, who wrote a treatise on Nubia (Maqrīzī 2002, 1535). Al-Aswānī was sent by the Fatimid general Jawhar to the King of the Nubians sometime between 359/969 and 363/973, and later wrote an account of travels there under the Fatimid caliph al-ʿazīz. The extracts that survive in Maqrīzī demonstrate that the work was an informed and exact account of Nubia (Troupeau 1954).
³ The following account bears close resemblance to that of the people on the islands of Andamam (Acil Amīr), described earlier in Book Two, Chapter Fifteen (fol. 38a3–4). Ibn Battūtah, when en route about 1350 from Bengal to Sumatra, called at a place called ʿarūm-i ʿālām (Barahnakār). His description of the people corresponds quite well with other descriptions of the Andaman and the Nicobar Islands, and it was once thought that he had landed in these islands. But his account of an organised state and a country with elephants does not agree with other accounts (Tibbetts 1979, 155).
⁴ This should be the island of Zabaj rather than the land of Zanj, according to Qazwīnī who cites Ibn al-Faqqīh as his source (Qazwīnī 1960, 30).
⁵ Other readings are also possible for the name of this unidentified Chinese town.
⁶ Missing words completed Ibn al-Faqqīh 1885, 13; Mas’ūdī 1938, 25, 38.
⁷ This passage closely resembles accounts of humans occupying the depths of the Sea of China in Mas’ūdī 1938, 25, 38. Note that a similar attribute of foretelling coming storms is earlier accorded to the barsatūj, or mullet, in the Sea of Basra; see above, Chapter Twenty.
⁸ Wabār, in Arabian lore, was a district and tribe localised in the southern part of the Arabian peninsula (EP, art. ‘Wabār’).
⁹ On the nisnās, a type of semi-human monopodic creature that jumps or hops upon one leg, see Damiri 1934, 2480 and Qazwīnī 1977, 492–3. The name nisnās is applied today to a subspecies of the African Patas monkeys (Cercopithecus pyrrhonotus). See EP, art. ‘kīrd’.
¹⁰ These lines, in kāmil metre, are found in Dīwān al-Farazdaq (Farazdaq 1960, 1360–61; and in Farazdaq 1974, 33). For a poem against Jarīr). In these lines, as in the poem as a whole, al-Farazdaq mocks his rival’s claims to the respectable genealogy of the tribe of Dārim. Although these two lines are also cited almost verbatim by Yaqūt and al-Qazwīnī, the second line is at variance with the editions of al-Farazdaq’s poetry, and is almost certainly corrupted. We owe this reference, as well as the general understanding of the poem, to Professor Geert Jan van Gelder.
¹¹ Compare this version with the following translation by Arthur Wormhoudt (Farazdaq 1974, 46): ‘You led astray your father seeking Darim | As those astray seeking a path to jinn/
When a person first approaches the land of Wabār, he sees a great fortress, vineyards and springs. But when he comes closer, by intention or by mistake, they scatter dirt in his face. If he refuses to go away, they strangle or kill him.

It is said that the nisnās is the progeny of al-Nisnās, son of Umaym, son of ʿAmālīq, son of Yalmuʿ, son of Lāwī, son of Shem.

They [the nisnās] are found around Wabār, the land of Shihr12 and the edges of the Yemen, where they destroy the crops. The inhabitants of those lands hunt the nisnās with dogs.

A reliable person told the following: We lost our way and found ourselves in a forest on the sea shore, [a forest so large] that one doesn’t know its beginning and its end. Then we saw an old man, as tall as a palm tree, with half a body, galloping quickly like a horse. He said:13

I made my flight from the forbidding highlands44
As I had no choice but to flee
In my distant youth I had been strong
Behold how today I am so very weak

Another said: I went to al-Shihr and met with their leader. When I mentioned the nisnās to him, he ordered one to be hunted for our sake. Then they brought us something that had half a face, a single arm coming out of his chest, and a single leg. It then said: ‘I seek protection with God and with you’. So I asked them to let it go, which they did. When they came to dine, their master told them to bring over some of what they had hunted. The hunters answered that they had caught it, but that his guest had let it go. Then he told them to set out with their dogs, which they did, and I went with them. Then I heard a voice from behind the trees:

Hey, Abū Mujir!15
Morning has come
The night has slipped away
The hunter is here
It is time for you to hide16

To which it [the nisnās] answered: ‘Indeed’. Then we sent the dogs. As I passed by Abū Mujir,17 two dogs were after him, while he was reciting to them:

When the two of you lash towards me
You will find that I had let go of my bridles38
If I was young you would not have had me
Until you would either leave me or die

The two dogs caught up with it and took it away. When mealtime arrived, the roasted Abū Mujir was served at this man’s table.

The ʿirbid19 is a deformed human found in Arabia, near the lands of the Südān. It hunts down snakes and poisonous creatures (ḥawāmm). It has a strong

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10 Or, possibly, Abū Mujmar, ‘Mr. Roast meat’. Varieties of food were jokingly referred to by kuwyas, such as Ibn al-Hajjār’s story of King Mutton, whose vizier was Goat Meat and chamberlain Scaled Meat, and his war with King Honey (Van Gelder 2000, 97–8). The context here suggests that the hunter refers to the nisnās’ eventual fate as dinner.

11 In Shams al-Dīn al-Dimashqī’s version of the poem, the speaker is a nisnās (and not one of the hunters), addressing his fellow creatures. Mehran translates the last line as ‘prends garde du malheur qui nous approche’ (Dimashqī 1874, 160–1).

12 Both manuscripts have here Abū ‘Amr as the name of the nisnās, most probably a scribal error for Abū Muhammad, Abū Mujir or Abū Mujmar.

13 In the French translation of al-Masʿūdī, the line is: ‘En vous élançant sur moi, vous vous attaquez à un ennemi que le danger n’épouvante point’, that is an enemy who is not terrified by the danger (Masʿūdī 1962, 4:414). Alternatively, accepting the reading found in al-Qazwīnī, the translation is “si vous m’attaquez, vous trouverez en moi un ennemi qui a abandonné le bride’, that is a weak defenceless adversary (Masʿūdī 1962, 4:459). Both translations appear speculative. Both ʿinān and ḥ-d-l may be used metaphorically, ʿinān for tractability and ḥ-d-l for freshness and youth. One could also read khīdrān, ‘unpaid for’, ‘unreengaged’.

14 Ibn Hawqal mentions this same animal under the name al-ʿudār, in his account of the Arabian Peninsula, and casts doubt on the veracity of the report (Ibn Hawqal 1873, 33). For al-Masʿūdī, the ʿirbid (pl. ʿirbīd) is a type of a serpent that is to be found in the Yamāmah, in Arabia. It is used by the local population against other types of snakes. He also mentions that the caliph al-Mutawakkil (reg. 232–247/847–861) asked the famous translator and physician Ḥunayn ibn Ḥishāq to bring him specimens of the nisnās and the ʿirbid, but Ḥunayn was able to find only two nisnās-es and no ʿirbid. Masʿūdī further notes that both the nisnās and the ʿirbid are described more fully in his Kitāb akhbār al-zamān (Masʿūdī 1962, 1235 no. 491). Damiri describes the ʿirbid briefly as a type of non-poisonous snake (Damirī 1994, 2358). In modern terminology, the ʿirbid is a variety of a viper found in Africa (Maʿlūf 1932, 6).
urge to look for humans, and when it encounters one, it has intercourse with him. Then its body crumbles, breaks into two and it dies.

The *bawāqīr* are creatures that are born as a result of the union of humans and land animals. They have long heads and elongated eyes, and their colour is brown. They have crooked claws and protruding fangs, and they cover themselves with tree leaves. Each of them has both female and male genitalia, and they have sexual intercourse with each other. They eat wild animals that they hunt. They are powerful, and their language resembles the chirping of birds.

The *q-d-q-r* are people born out of a union between humans and sea animals. They live in the extreme West, on the island of Thule. They are naked, and have horns and small eyes. They eat the animals of the sea as well as plants, and they drink salt water if they cannot obtain fresh water.

The *ahbīsh* are a nation of the offspring of Gog and Magog.22 They are short, with large faces and ears, and visible fangs. They can leap high and far, and they ride horses. They are born of the union of the Gog and Magog with sea animals. Their food consists of snakes. They fight fierce wars with stones.

The *m-j-z-`* are [also] a nation of the offspring of Gog and Magog. They have tails and each of them has four arms, two short ones coming from each shoulder. They fight the peoples around them with a weapon that resembles a sword. This weapon has a sharp edge and a ring at the other end through which [they] put one of their hands. Two of their other hands hold knives. They fight a nation called the *l-w-`*-s.

[The *l-w-`*-s] are people of short stature, with small heads and huge ears that they can spread on the ground.24 They eat each other. They hunt a wild animal called *m-l-s*, which looks like a donkey, and they eat its flesh.

*D-r-m-s* are people that live on a mountain near the sea, called *nākh (?)*. The fingers of their hands are not separated, and their claws are crooked. They have only one leg, on which they have ten toes. They fight sea animals, eat them, and are born from them.

*J-`-m-a* are a nation that look like Turks with long beards. They live at the extreme East, where the Sun rises, near the place known as *K-n-K-d-z*. They are born from a union between humans and wild beasts of prey. Their eyes are round and lustrous, and their fangs visible and sharp. Their ears are long, their claws are long, sharp and crooked, and their fingers short.25

No nation lives behind them, or anywhere near them.26 They live between mountains and plains, and they eat sea animals and dragons.27 They have

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20 The following account corresponds to that given by the 8th/14th-century authors al-Watwāt (d. 719/1319) and Shams al-Din al-Dimashqī (see Samarrai 1993, 40, with a translation). Van Mehren identifies them with the Qirghiz tribes (Dimashqī 1874, 159). This must be incorrect, as the Qirghiz tribes were not separated, and their claws are crooked. They have only one leg, on which they have ten toes. They fight sea animals, eat them, and are born from them.23

21 The following account of deformed humans associated with the land of Gog and Magog seems to be based on an Arabic recension of the *Alexander Romance* composed in the ninth century. Although the complete Arabic version is lost, fragments have been published by Emilio Garcia Gomez (Gomez 1929). The Syriac version, generally assigned to the seventh century, and the Ethiopian *History of Alexander*, compiled between the fourteenth and the sixteenth centuries, are probably close to the Arabic version; both were edited and translated by E. A. Wallis Budge (see Wallis Budge 1889 and Wallis Budge 1896). The passages in the *Alexander Romance* which deal with his building of the wall to retain Gog and Magog mention the names of twelve, or sometimes twenty-two, nations which were enclosed by the wall. Lists of these names are reproduced in a. A. R. Anderson’s study (Anderson 1932, 33–36). They do not appear to correspond with the names mentioned here. The Arabic tradition attributed to the enclosed peoples the Biblical names of the sons of Yaphet: Naval, Taris/Tiras, Minsak (Meshech), and Kumara (Gomer); see Anderson 1932, 97. In his elaborate account of the Gog and Magog tribes, Ibn al-Faqih cites these four names (Ibn al-Faqih 1885, 298–9). He then cites an account of Wahib ibn Munabbih, who reports on the deformed nature of the Gog and Magog people: short androgynous creatures, with talons and fangs, and huge ears (ibid., 293–300; see also Masʿūdī 1938, 68–9). For a summary of the characteristics of Gog and Magog in the Arabic Alexander tradition, see Doufikar-Aerts 2010, 163–168. On Yājud and Mājud (Gog and Magog) as a species, see Damiri 1994, 2553–56.

22 The account of people with extraordinarily large ears has a similarity with accounts of the people of Mansāk (マンサク), a Biblical people descended from Yaphet (EP, art. “Yādūd wa-Mādūd”). This nation were said to live in the East, near Yājud and Mājud; they spread one ear on the ground and cover themselves with the other (Masʿūdī 1938, 69; Qazwīnī 1977, 491–2).

23 This account is closely related to an account of a hybrid nation in *Akbhār al-zamān* (Masʿūdī 1938, 16). According to that account, this unnamed nation lives east of Quzzum; interestingly, this is the only hybrid nation mentioned among the mirabilia of *Akbhār al-zamān*.

24 The following sentence is also in Masʿūdī 1938, 16. It seems that this short passage refers to the nations of Gog and Magog as a whole.

25 Arabic: *tānānīn*. According to a tradition attributed to Ibn ʿAbbās, the *tinnīn* or dragon is the food of the Gog and Magog people. This claim is repeated and elaborated in the
agriculture and riding beasts. They consist of forty-two nations.

The Damdam are one of the nations of the blacks, called al-Damdam [or al-Damādim]. They live in the South-West. They eat each other. They have sharp fangs, and possess strength and power, and the other nations are afraid of them. Gold is abundant there and is visible in their land, for the sand reveals it. They have great desire for copper rings, which they use as adornment. The copper is imported to their land and left at their borders because of the danger [of going near them]. The copper distracts them from chasing those who come to their lands in search of the source of gold.

The L-x-d are a nearby nation, black and tall, possessing enormous power and strength. Their eyes flash, and they have long beards that scarcely grow on their cheeks. They eat each other. Their king is one of their own, and they choose as king whoever is tallest among them, for they regard tallness a virtue. The sources of gold are numerous in their country, and they use it as building blocks, while for exchange they adopt copper rings.

We have read in Alexander’s letter to Aristotle: ‘In the cities of India there are men who graze like livestock, with beardless faces like those of women. They eat fish and talk in an unintelligible language. We saw trees with fruits oozing tasty fat. There live (beastlike people) with faces like crows. In their hands they hold javelins, and they wage fierce war. We saw in the sea of Ûqyânus (Ocean) animals (with human bodies) that sink ships. We saw near India a people with faces like those of wild beasts and ears like seashells. We saw in India people with no heads. Their eyes and mouths are on their chests. They speak like humans, and have bodies like those of small boys. They eat truffles, which grow in their lands like melons.’

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28 The notorious Damdam or Damādim, who eat men, are mentioned among the primitive peoples of West Africa. Mentioned by Mas‘ūdī in his Meadows of Gold and in Akhbār al-zamān. According to these reports, the Damdam lived to the west of the K-r-k-r (Kawkaw, or Gao) along the bank of a river. He also notes that they are in constant conflict with the K-r-k-r, and that they worship a large rock in the form of a woman (Hopkins & Levitzon 1981, 31, 36, 86, 446, et passim). In fact, the description of the land of gold where merchants cannot enter, but rather must leave their wares on the borders of the country, fits the description of the kingdom of Ghānah. See Mas‘ūdī 1938, 88–89; translated in Hopkins & Levitzon 1981, 35–6.

29 Missing word completed by MS G and MS D.

30 Alexander’s letter to Aristotle (Epistola Alexandri ad Aristotelis) is part of a series of ‘miracle letters’ purporting to come from Alexander, which describe his journeys to the edge of the Earth. These letters seem to have circulated originally in a book-length collection of letters, but were thereafter broken up and incorporated into various recensions of the Greek Alexander Romance. The two letters of this group which are addressed to Aristotle (one of them is also addressed to Olympias, Alexander’s mother) are concerned with animal wonders, and cast Alexander not only as a military hero but also as a champion of Hellenistic science. For a translation and study of the text, see Gunderson 1980, and the sources cited there; also Romm 1999, 109–116, and Cary 1996. The letter from Alexander to Aristotle about the wonders of India is sometimes included In the popular Arabic epic Sīrat al-Iskandar, and there is apparently a paraphrased rendering of the letter in the Syriac Pseudo-Callichthenes (Doufikar-Aerts 2010, 74; Doufikar-Aerts 2000). A parallel passage in Akhbār al-zamān cites Alexander’s account of strange creatures in India, although in a very different version emphasizing his dialogue with the Indian philosopher Bahram (Mas‘ūdī 1938, 29–30).

31 See discussion of this passage in Doufikar-Aerts 2000, 45. The Syriac version of this letter has the men with faces like those of horses, not those of women. Compare also Gunderson 1980, 149: ‘we saw men and women in the open field who had hair over the whole body like beasts. They were nine feet tall. The Indians call them faunos. These people are accustomed to the rivers and the swamps rather than the land, for they live only on raw fish and water. When we wanted to get closer to them, the sea-people plunged into the eddies of the river’. See discussion of this passage in Doufikar-Aerts 2000, 45.

32 Damaged words completed from MS G and MS D.

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34 Compare Gunderson 1980, 80 (a paraphrase of Alexander’s letters to Olympias and to Aristotle, incorporated within the Alexander Romance): ‘Again on the march they come upon men without heads (akephaloi); these were covered with hair, dressed in skins and live off fish, but speak like humans’. Al-Qazwini locates this headless nation in the islands of China (Qazwini 1977, 492).
In Azerbaijan there is a spring that gushes straight up, then divides into two. One half is so hot that animals can be scaled in it, while the other half is as cold as snow. The water gushes from a hole in a huge spring covered with mists. When a person comes out of the water for forty days, the young men swim and cling to it, as do older men. But when the days of the flood pass, the spring sinks down to the point from where it previously emerged. No one is able to draw it away. It was even secured by iron chains and twisted ropes made of vine branches, but it tore them apart and disappeared. Yet it emerges again when the water rises the following year.

In Sūs in the Maghreb, at the edge of the sea, there is a mosque that appears to people on some days, and they go to pray there. After they leave, the mosque is submerged in the sea.

In Jūr, in the province of Fārs, there is a spring whose mouth has been covered with a huge copper cooking pot, turned upside down and pierced at its bottom. Water gushes out from that hole in a huge torrent the likes of which no one has ever seen.

In the province of Arrajān there is a spring that resists the attempts of the people of Arrajān to measure its depth. It shoots out water that turns the mills of the village and irrigates its fields.

In the province of Sābūr there is a village called al-Hindijān where a spring is found between two mountains. Smoke rises from the spring, covering most of it and preventing anyone from approaching it. If a bird flies over it, it falls in and is consumed by fire.

In the province of Ardashīr Khurrah there is a spring that causes whoever drinks a cup of its water to have a bowel movement. Whoever drinks two cups has two movements of the bowels and whoever drinks one hundred has one hundred movements.

In the vicinity of Dādhin there is a river that causes clothes washed in it to turn green. Its water is drinkable and sweet. It is known as the River Ikhshīn.

Near Baysān, in a locality known as ⟨…⟩, there is a little pool made of stones. At its bottom something resembling legs is protruding [?]. It has abundant water. If one person drinks from it, it is enough for him, but it is also sufficient for one thousand, and the shepherds water their herds there. Yet it never decreases or increases.

In Tiberias and in other cities there are very hot springs.

Ptolemy said that in the inhabited world there are springs covered with mists. When a person comes...
near them, a withering disease\textsuperscript{15} afflicts him. And there are springs that cause anyone who comes near them to become epileptic, like the enlivening one (\textit{al-mustakhif}, \?) in kashākish [\?], and the drinking water [?] of \textit{A-f-r-j-w-n-h}, which cause confusion and putrefaction in men.\textsuperscript{16}

In the district of Alexandria there is a very large inlet of the sea that contains pebbles, and within each pebble there is another pebble, moving like [the seeds in] a poppy head. When a pregnant woman takes hold of it, she will not be troubled by odours or by cravings for food. The waves push this stone out [to sea], and then another stone, a composite of water and soil, becomes encrusted on it. Isma‘īl ibn Ḥarb examined this locality, and placed a leg bone of a dead camel in it, leaving it there for a day and a night. When he pulled it out he found that the water had formed on it an encasement of stones. He tried to break it with an axe, but it did not break, nor did the bone weaken.\textsuperscript{17}

On the route to the Maghreb there are [springs of] water, some having the colour of safflower and some the color of the safflower juice (\textit{zardak}).\textsuperscript{18}

In the Wāḥāt oases there are springs whose water is sour; water whose colour is green; water whose taste is acidic; bitter water; and waters that give off the smell of naphtha. There are also waters that, when drunk, cause instant diarrhoea.\textsuperscript{19}

If a man drinks the water of Lake Tiberias on the first day of Tishrīn al-Awwal (October), he enjoys numerous bowel movements. The beneficial impact remains for the rest of the year.

One of the wonders of river Orontes is that when it cuts through Lake Fāmiah it does not mix with it.\textsuperscript{20} The water of the river is red, while the colour of the water of the lake is green, like the colour of marshy waters.

In one of the villages of Azerbaijan, called al-Nūmān, there appears in the middle of the village’s water an incredibly great fire that, through its force, the strength of its intensity and the ferocity of its flames, prevents any amount of water from extinguishing it. It is one of Earth’s wonders.\textsuperscript{21}

\begin{footnotes}
\item[15] The word \textit{al-sulāl} is a variant of the term \textit{sill}, meaning a wasting disease associated with respiratory complications, most often (though not very accurately) translated as tuberculosis or consumption (Latham & Isaacs 1958). The notion of \textit{sill} (or \textit{surūl}) associated with the bad airs and mists/vapours of marshes fits with the general medical notions of the time.
\item[16] These statements have not been identified amongst the writings of Ptolemy; it does not appear to be in the \textit{Tetrabiblos}, the \textit{Almagest}, nor his \textit{Geography}. The reference may actually be to a verse in the Qur’ān, 13:10 (\textit{ةَتَحْيَلُونَ وَتَحْيَلُونَ} ‘whether he lie hid by night or walk forth freely by day’).
\item[17] Compare this passage with Ibn al-Faqīh, who describes these marvelous Egyptian stones: چاک‌که‌نی چاک‌که‌نی که من تاول‌نی و از جز مادی فرضی که از آن‌ها درجه‌نویسی که در آن‌ها درجه‌نویسی
\item[18] The flowerheads of safflower (\textit{Carthamus tinctorius}, \textit{L.}) were commonly used for a red dye; see Levey 1966, no. 202; Steingass 1892, 614.
\item[19] Literally, ‘leaks instantly from the backside’. Compare this passage with Mas‘ūdi 1962, 2336 (no. 895), where he mentions that the waters in al-Wāḥāt have different tastes, including sour taste.
\item[20] Compare this passage with Dimashqi 1874, 138.
\item[21] Compare this passage with Mas‘ūdi 1962, 2347 (no. 913). Pellat suggests a possible reading of \textit{Nīrmān} or \textit{Nayrmān}, a village in Hamadhān. MS D and G read: \textit{al-Tūmān}.
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In the land of the Zanj there is a tree that grows from a trunk, but then its upper half branches out into four boughs, and from each of these another trunk emerges, which shoots up four boughs carrying a citrus-like fruit. The body of this fruit is filled with something resembling carded silk, like the fruit of the *'ushhur*. In its cavity are many seeds. After it is cleaned of its seeds it is used as filling for mattresses and pillows, but only for half of the filling. When it warms up under a person's body the material swells and fills up the entire mattress or pillow. It is impossible to fill it entirely, but only up to a half. When a person sleeps on the mattress, the material grows and increases until it fills it entirely. If the mattress or the pillow gets dirty, the filling can be washed, and it does not become matted or spoiled. I have witnessed this at [the house] of one of our shaykhs, a man from Ḥarrān called Abū al-Ḡāsim al-Ḥarrānī, who has travelled extensively to the land of the Zanj. I examined it [the seed pod of the tree] and found it to be a marvellous thing.

Ahmad ibn al-Marzubān, the late naqīb,[3] told me: 'In the lands of the Nubians I have seen a tree, and the Nubians do not know who planted it or who put it there. The tree is one hundred cubits tall, with a ringed trunk, with no twists, and there is nothing smooth on it. At its top there are abundant leaves that look like fronds of palm trees. It produces a fruit that looks like a large Burlusī melon, and this fruit contains fibres. Many shepherds, as well as others familiar with this tree, do not take shelter underneath it, fearing that one of these fruits might fall on them, since when it falls on an animal it kills it. That fruit remains intact on the tree until it ripens and falls down of its own accord. It is then carried to the king of the Nubians, who gives it as presents to the officials of his government. I [Ahmad ibn al-Marzubān] had eaten the fruit, and had never encountered anything on the face of the Earth that was sweeter or more delicious. It is sliced the way one opens a melon.'

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1 The chapter is preserved in MS G as well as MS A and MS D.
2 *al-Atraj* is often restricted to citron (*Citrus medica* L. var. *cedrata* Risso.), but it can also refer to other members of the citrus family (*Bedevian 1936, no. 1072*).
3 Or *'ushhur*. A plant of the milkweed family, probably *Calotropis Syriaca* L. Varieties are found in Africa and the Middle East, some growing to about 3 m (9 ft) in height with a twisted gnarled trunk and large bony seed-pods filled with fine silk-like fibres. See *Levey 1966, no. 201; Tibbetts 1979, 149–50*.
4 The account appears to be original to our author and may be the earliest Arabic description of a fibre that possesses the properties of what today is known as kapok, used for filling mattresses and cushions. The tree and its remarkable product is described in later geographical literature (*Hopkins & Levzion 1981, 475*). The tree described here could be one of two species of the genus Bombax. All the trees in the Bombax genus are very large, reaching 30–40 m (90–120 ft) in height with a trunk of up to 3 m (9 ft) in diameter; between January and March they bear flowers which mature into seed pods containing a fibre similar to kapok or cotton, which cannot be spun and which does not mott. While most Bombax species are indigenous to India, south-east Asia, northern Australia, and Central and South America, there are two species indigenous to Africa: *Bombax buonopozense* P. Beauv., native to west tropical Africa, and *Ceiba pentandra* (L.) Gaertn., indigenous to both east and west tropical Africa. The common name for the latter is the 'silk-cotton tree' or 'kapok tree', and it has served as the major source for the product called kapok. The seed pods of *Ceiba pentandra* (the tallest tree in Africa) are about 15 cm in length and have the shape of a large lemon; kapok is today largely replaced by synthetic materials. [Source: USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program, *Germplasm Resources Information Network* (GRIN), National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland; URL: http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/taxon.pl?19615 (accessed 01 November 2006)].
5 The title *naqīb* was usually associated with the office of *naqīb al-ashrāf*, the local leader of the descendants of the Prophet, a group which enjoyed certain privileges in the medieval Islamic communities. The main responsibility of the *naqīb* was to ascertain whether claims to Prophetic descent were genuine (*EF*, art. 'Nakīb al-ashrāf').
6 *Al-battīkh* is a generic term for melon. The large Burlusī melon (*al-battīkh al-burullusī*) is not otherwise attested.
7 The term *līf* usually refers to the membranous fibres growing at the base of the branches of palm-trees; see *Lane 1883, 3015*. Here it is clearly used for fibres in general, or fibrous membranes in the fruit of a palm tree.
8 The identity of this Nubian tree with its remarkable fruit is uncertain. It might be the Doileib (*Borassus aethiopum* L.), one of the fan palms. The Doileib fruit, enveloped in the enlarged calyx and corolla, is about 12 cm (5 in) long. The sap from the spathes is sweet and when boiled down yields date-sugar or jaggery (a coarse brown sugar made from the sap of palm trees), which quickly ferments to give a raw spirit known as ‘toddy’. We owe this information to Dr Gerald E. Wickens. It could also be another of the fan palms, the Doum palm or ‘Gingerbread Tree’, *Hyphaene thebaica* (L.) Mart., which grows to 6–9 m (20–30 ft), and whose apple-size fruits yield a pulp that tastes like gingerbread and was highly prized. It is native to both north Africa and north-east tropical Africa. [Source: USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program, *Germplasm Resources Information Network* (GRIN), National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland; URL: http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/taxon.pl?9703 (accessed 30 October 2006)].
In India⁹ there is a palm tree that bears a fruit that looks like an elephant’s tusk.¹⁰ It is slit open and then fitted with a container to collect the liquid that comes out of it. This liquid, if drunk immediately, is so sweet that its sweetness burns the lips. If it is left a while, it turns into intoxicating wine agreeable to the soul. If it is left for the entire day, it turns into vinegar.

In the environs of Shiraz there is an aromatic plant that is called the lily-narcissus.¹¹ Its leaves are like the leaves of the lily, but inside it has flowers like those of the narcissus.

In al-Manṣūrah in Sind there is a fruit the size of an apple that is called lemon.¹² It is extremely sour and its rind is yellow. There is another fruit resembling a peach, called al-anbaj (mango), which tastes like a peach.¹³

Near Istakhr there is an apple-tree with apples that are one-half sour and half, the other half as sweet as honey.¹⁴

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⁹ MS A: al-Mand (المند). Ibn Sa’id mentions the Islands of al-Mand (المند), known for the abundance of coconut trees. The people of Mand are described as similar to the people of India and al-Sind (Ibn Sa’id 1970, 103). Tibbetts comments that the material given by Ibn Sa’id about these mysterious people is generally African, not south-east Asian. Tibbetts suggests that it may be identical to the island called by Khwārazmī and Suhrab as an island to the south or south-east of Sri Lanka (Tibbetts 1979, 50, 149).

¹⁰ The plant described is the coconut palm, Cocos nucifera L., usually called shqar al-nîrjîl or jawz al-hâdî (the walnut of India), though neither name is used here. For the coconut palm, see EI², art. ‘nardîج’.

¹¹ Descriptions given here of the plants in al-Manṣūrah are similar to those given by al-Iṣṭakhrî 1961, 103 and Ibn Hawqal 1938, 320. The reading of al-minîmânah in our manuscript, and in MS G, is clear, but this must surely be an error for al-lîmînânah, for in the published editions of al-Iṣṭakhrî and Ibn Hawqal, the fruit is identified as lemon-like (limînânah). Limian, or lâymin, is the common lemon (Citrus medica), var. limonum Risch; Bedevian 1936, no. 1073. The association with India may suggest that the fruit described is in fact a grapefruit, called in Arabic ‘indian lemon’.¹²

¹² Cf. Ibn Hawqal 1938, 320. The term al-khawwîh can mean either a peach or a plum, but most often refers to varieties of peaches such as Amygdalus persica L. (Bedevian 1936, no. 2847).

¹³ On this curious apple, see Ibn al-Faqîh 1885, 127; Ibn al-Faqîh 1973, 143. The account given by Iṣṭakhrî 1961, 90 and Ibn Hawqal 1938, 297, adds that Mirdâs ibn ‘Umar refused to believe this story until al-Ḥasan ibn Ra’jā’ gave him one of these apples to taste.

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¹⁵ On the wāqwāq tree. See the detailed discussion by G. R. Tibbetts and Shawkat Toorawa in EI², art. ‘Wāḳwāḳ’. A translation of relevant passages is given by Tibbetts 1979, 161–5. For a different early version of the tale describing a tree which bears fruit that look like human beings, see Freeman-Grenville 1981, 39. Many accounts of the wāqwāq place them as contiguous with the land of Sofalah in east Africa (see al-Masʿūdī 1962, nos. 246, 847; Idrīsî 1970, 80). The account here is closely related to the account in Akhbār al-zumān, where the account is attributed to Kitâb al-khizâniyâh (Masʿūdī 1938, 17). This same passage is discussed, from a feminist perspective, in Malti-Douglas 1991, 85–94.

¹⁶ Illegible words completed by MS G and MS D.

¹⁷ DAMAGED WORDS COMPLETED BY MS D AND MS G.
In the lands of the Sudân there is a beast called the m-r-ʿ-f-y. One cannot tell its males from its females, since [all] get pregnant and give birth. It is a very cowardly animal, for sometimes it sees its own image in the Moon, and then it runs away from it. It keeps running away each time it sees it, until it dies.

In the lands of the Sudân there are snakes that draw a man towards them with their tails, and then kill him. The ghaylam is a beast with a large body, stronger than the elephant. It has a long neck, and red, yellow, green and white markings. Kings hunt it and ride on it.4

The ḥ-r-s-a-b5 is a predatory animal, lion-like, which is found in China. It is stronger and more powerful than the lion, and is red in colour, with red fine fur. The kings of China use its fur for making textiles. It is hunted in the wild with great difficulty.

The ṣ-r-s-n-s6 is a wild dog found in the land of Rūm (Byzantium). Its flesh is edible. It is also found in the Maghreb. It is a rabid dog,7

The taḥāʿir,8 It is a wild ewe, found in the lands of Rūm (Byzantium). Its flesh is edible, and its wool is used for making high quality textiles. It is white in colour.

The r-s-y-f9 resembling a mouse, is found in China, where it hunts all kinds of snakes and poisonous creatures. It has a silky red fur.

The m-f/q-r-b10 is a fox-like animal found in China. It is red, and is used to hunt foxes. The x-gh-w-sh is a white beast that resembles a rabbit, found in the region of [the Mountain?] of the Moon.11

The giraffe has three colours, with a very long neck and short thighs. It has horns and ears like the ears of cows.

The sūmājah, also called Nubian horses, are animals found in the bottom of the Nile.12 They have four legs with feet like a duck's,13 a horse's mane, skin like a water-buffalo's, an elongated tail, and mouths so wide they look as if they are covered with nosebags. It can harm crops and destroy them. If it wants, it can swim in water, or walk on the bottom of the sea, or come out onto the shore. The Nubian kings capture it and keep it in the same way other kings keep wild-asses in their stables.14

1 The animal here described seems to be a mongoose of some sort. The name, however, is otherwise unattested.
2 Ms D and MS G: ṣ-q-r-b.
3 Or, in MS A, raʾqī. Ibn al-Faqīh describes a different animal called raʾqī, which he says is found in Ethiopia living by sucking the blood of camels (Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 774; Ibn al-Faqīh 1973, 94). The remaining animals described in this chapter are not in the surviving parts of Ibn al-Faqih, but his original work included many more strange animals, as evidenced by the extract cited by Qazwīnī 1960, 30.
4 Ms D: ‘in Nubia’.
5 Al-Damiri mentions ghaylam as a name for a turtle (Damiri 1994, 2367), and in modern terminology it refers to a sea-turtle (Ma'luf 1932, 222). This cannot, however, be the creature here described.
6 Alternative reading: q-r-s-a-t (MS D and MD G). Probably the same animal as the ṣ-r-s-a-b mentioned as a parent of the leopard (bahr) described in a passage below.
7 Ms D and MS G: ṣ-m-a-s.
8 Ms D and MS G: t-m-a-s.
The *q-r-y-a-n* is a dog-like predatory animal. It is very powerful, and it kills everything in its way. It is found in the lands of the Turks.

*B-l-n-w-sh* is a wild dog found in the land of the Rûm (Byzantium).

The *q-y-r-s* is a ewe-like beast that is found in the wild in the land of the Rûm [Byzantium]. It is hunted, and its flesh is edible. It has a fine fur used for making high-quality *buzýân* fabric.15 It has four colours: black, white, dust-colour and yellow.16

The *k-n-f-a-sh* is a beast similar to a water-buffalo, black in colour with a fat tail like that of a ram. It is found in the wild parts of al-Shiḥr [in the Yemen].

The *n-b-h-l-s* is a beast with wings like those of an ostrich and one horn.17 It has the body of a bull, but is larger, almost like an elephant. It attacks the elephant with its horn and kills it. Around its habitat there are no wild animals or trees, since its breath is lethal for animals and burns plants.

The *h-b-w-j-r*, also called the rhinoceros, is found in India and the lands of the Nubians.18 It has the form of a horse, with a bright blackish-blue colour, and white legs. It has small ears and a small snout. On the front of his head it has a single horn, with a round base and a sharp tip. Its upper part resembles a water-skin, since it slackens when the animal is calm and hardens when it is angry. When the horn is sawn and pulled out, one finds at the round base of the horn the figure of a man, a wild animal or bird, over a black background. The figure is in white or red on a green background; or green figure on a red background. The Chinese use pieces of its horns to make girdles, in which they take great pride. Each girdle is sold for five thousand dinars. Although it is not as big as an elephant, the elephant, like all other animals, runs away from it. It has no joints in its arms or in its legs.

The *dhikh* (Hyena ?)19 is a beast that resembles a donkey, with a long neck and black spots, or sometimes stripes. It is shy and very timid. It is found in hot lands.

The *r-f-a-d*, also called *m-l-y-w-s*, is a beast in the shape of a dog but larger. It has a hump on its head and protruding tusks. It is found in the land the Turks.20 It is of every colour. It kills other beasts and would often eat people. It is also found in the lands of the Rûm (Byzantium).

The *b-w-s* is a ewe-like beast, found in the open country in Rûm (Byzantium). It is hunted, and its fleece (*wabar*) is used to make fine *buzýân* fabric.21

The salamander22 is found in Sind and India. It is a beast larger than a goose and smaller than a fox. It is of variegated colour, with red eyes, long tail, and a fine soft hair, which is used to line the garments of kings and to protect them from damage. When a kerchief woven from its fine hair gets dirty, it is thrown into a blazing fire until the dirt...
is removed from it, leaving the kerchief as it was, with its colour and beauty intact. This was kept in the treasury of the king Fannā Khusraw.\textsuperscript{23} The secretary Shaykh Abū al-Ḥasan ibn Ṣabbāḥ—may God grant him succour—told me that he had seen it. He said that he possessed some threads from this kerchief, which he had thrown into a fire and they didn’t burn.

The mukā\textsuperscript{24} is a green beast the size of a rabbit, found in the lands of the Nile, where it enters houses. Much knowledge is gained from it, since when its hair turns black it becomes known that in that place there is immorality, thievery and treachery, in proportion to the shade and amount of black hair. This animal is also used to foretell rains, winds and births. Kings and noblemen procure this animal.

The babr (leopard)\textsuperscript{25} is a fearsome predatory beast, although, compared to other predators, it has a small body. All predators fear it, and when a lion sees it, it crouches so that [the babr] urinates in its ear. This occurs in Ethiopia. It is born from a union of a ‘r-s-a-b’ and a lioness. It runs like

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as an Indian beast of prey, smaller than a cheetah, which attacks elephants by spraying them with its urine.

\textsuperscript{23} This is ‘Adud al-Dawlah Fannākhorsū ibn Rukn al-Dawlah (reg. 324–372/936–983), Buwayhid ruler under the Abbasid dynasty (\textit{Ef}, art. ‘Adud al-Dawlah’). There are comparable accounts of salamander’s hairs or feathers given as gifts to medieval Islamic rulers. A king of India sent the kalīf al-Māʾmūn cushions stuffed with the feathers of a bird called \textit{samandal}, which did not burn when thrown into a fire (Qaddūmī 1996, 75). According to a later account, the Fatimid treasuries, raided in 461/1069, held a fragment of a kerchief nine spans long, woven from the down of a \textit{samandal}, whose feathers were fireproof (Qaddūmī 1996, 237).

\textsuperscript{24} Compare a much shorter account by al-Jāḥiẓ (Jāḥiẓ 1938, 723).

\textsuperscript{25} Since there are no tigers on the African continent, \textit{babr} in this context must refer to another species of large cat such as a leopard, indigenous to Ethiopia. The account here draws heavily from classical sources, and has close parallels with the Greek account of the \textit{tigris} by Timotheus of Gaza, a Byzantine grammarian who composed a zoological treatise for the Emperor Anastasios (AD 491–518). Timotheus mentions that the hunters seize the cubs while the animal is away and put them in vessels of glass and that when the hunters are overtaken by the very swift mother, they drop one vessel, and capture the remainder of the glass bottle. The attention of the animal is removed from its ear. This occurs in its ear. It is born from

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\textsuperscript{27} The Greek name \textit{castor} given the animal is here defined as if it were the word \textit{kastērōn} (\textit{castoreum}), referring to the strong-smelling, wax-like, bitter-tasting secretion from a gland behind the beaver’s genitals. This secretion became a universal remedy in great demand (Levey 1966, no. 66; Lev & Amar 1962, 254–5). The name \textit{jundbādastar} is Persian meaning ‘testicles of the beaver’ (Steingass 1892, 374) and was used commonly in Arabic sources for the secretion rather than the animal itself. The account is ultimately drawn from Greek classical sources. Compare Timotheus 1949, 48: ‘[i]ts testicles are essential for various medicines, and being pursued therefore by hounds and men, and knowing the reason, it tears them off with its claws, and escapes. But when it, (already) without testicles, is pursued again, leaping up it shows that it has no [testicles]’. This account is later repeated, in variations, by several later sources, including Damiri and Watṭāw (Jayakar 1908, 1488; Watṭāw 2000, 570). Masʿūdī mentions that this is a ‘marine dog’, and that the name \textit{jundbādastar} is derived from Persian (Masʿūdī 1962, 2116 [854]).

\textsuperscript{28} Another entry with direct parallels is Timotheus 1949, 50: ‘If you want to fish an octopus (\textit{kastērōz}), take olive branches, hang them down into the sea where is a cliff or a rocky beach, and all (the octopuses) will be caught by the branches and you just draw them up’.
The civet (ṣabbādāh) resembles a cat, but larger. It has a long tail, and a blackish, sometimes slightly spotted, fur. This animal produces a scent which is weaker than that of the musk deer. The scent is not strong all at once, but rather as long as it is kept it improves. It is scraped off the vulvas of the females and the testicles of the males.

The musk deer are black, with fangs. They graze on grass that is found above the mountain pass of Tibet. It has a strong, good fragrance. These deer have large glands (ṣurār) in which blood accumulates. Once the glands have swollen and matured—the way a boil matures—they detach and fall to the ground. These are the musk bags. It is said that the people of Tibet fix pegs in the wilderness so that the deer will rub against them, since once the gland is full it causes them pain, and the deer prefer to have it detached. It is also said that in those places where the deer is found there are huge ants on the top of the mountain pass. Whoever wants to go up there to collect these musk bags takes with him a pot of meat and throws it to the ants to distract them; thereafter he collects what he pleases. Whoever ascends before sunrise finds in this land gold veins, but the ascent there is very difficult.

The b-m-r-h-y-d is a beast with the body of a cat, slightly larger, and green fur spotted with white patches. It has a fine black tail which it drags along like a fox's tail, and white legs. Its eyes are barely visible, as they are small and enclosed by the bone of the brow. It has thick hair. It is only found near water, as it frequents it often. When it runs, it cannot be overtaken. It has fine fur, second to none among the wild beasts, and so are the hairs on its legs. It also has a tall forehead. It is hunted by means of milk left for it in vessels; once it drinks the milk, it becomes intoxicated and is captured. A bird called m-a-m-n-q-r trusts it and associates with it; the bird is hunted together with it, as they are found together. When the meat of this beast is cooked thoroughly until it separates from the bone, and then every 10 dirhams of it are mixed with 4 dirhams of mahāfīndehesht (?), it should be churned with milk of she-asses and melted cow-butter and drunk by those who suffer from the 'greater disease'. This removes the rotten flesh from the body until only the nerves remain, after which one should treat with a medication that protects the body.

The rukh is a beast of exceptional pace, with a bed-like square body. It associates a lot with the babr (leopard/tiger), and is found together with it. The author of Kitāb al-Ḥayawān (Book of Animals) said: This animal has four legs underneath it and four on top of it—that is, on its back. It runs like the wind with the legs of its belly, and once it gets tired it rolls over and runs with the legs of its back, so that it never tires for as long as it lives. On each side, it has a face and eyes that look around. It has a large body and a stinking smell. It can only be observed from the top of a mountain, for no one can approach it without being devoured. The person who looks at it should protect himself against the smells of the animal by inhaling camphor, as otherwise the stench will make him faint.

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29 Compare Watwāt 2000, 237; Jayakar 1918, 289. Note that this is not the same animal that is described in Ibn al-Faqīh, 1973, 13, where the reference is to the muskrat.

30 Compare similar accounts in Bakrī 1992, 270 [41]; Jayakar 1918, 2265-6; and Watwāt 2000, 278. This account is not cited by al-Jāḥiẓ. For the various species of musk deer and types of musk, as well as the musk trade in Islamic lands, see Akasoy & Yei-li-Tlalim 2007; King 2011.

31 Ibn al-Faqīh has a similar account of gigantic ants guarding a land of gold between Khorasan and India. Those who wish to take the gold similarly throw meat at the ants to distract them (Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 326). Marwazi has an account of huge ants, which live in a land called Zamin Zar, in Sofālā, where gold grows like herbage (Iskandar 1981, 260, 309 (Arabic text)). The theme of animals guarding a treasure is common to the geographical literature of the time (Miquel 1967, 1362).

32 This animal is mentioned again in the following chapter, on wondrous birds, in the entry for the bird called m-a-m-n-q-r.

33 The ‘greater disease’ (al-dāʾ al-akbar) is unidentified. Possibly it is an error for dāʾ al-dāʾ al-akbar, which is elephantiasis, or dāʾ al-fīl, which is al-dāʾ al-akbar.

34 The account here is of a large and stinky quadruped. It has a close parallel with the animal of the same name in the Kitāb ṯabāʾiʿ al-ḥayawān of al-Marwazi: The rukh. They say that this is an animal that looks like a camel (baʾr). He has two humps, and tusks. One has to be wary of all the parts of his body: his flesh, his blood, his spittle and his dung. No animal can pass him when he has sighted it, for he can run faster than the wind and overtake all other animals. If an animal fleeing from him gets high up in a tree or on another high place where he cannot reach it, he stops in front of it and spreads its tail so that it has the shape of a big shovel. Then he pees in it and throws his urine to the animal he is pursuing. His tail is membrane-like, so that it can easily be spread and used to hold something. If the fleeing animal then [illegible letter] comes down, it defecates on it. If his urine or feces land on an animal, it dies. The rukh is a beast of exceptional pace, with a bed-like square body. It associates a lot with the babr (leopard/tiger), and is found together with it. The author of Kitāb al-Ḥayawān (Book of Animals) said: This animal has four legs underneath it and four on top of it—that is, on its back. It runs like the wind with the legs of its belly, and once it gets tired it rolls over and runs with the legs of its back, so that it never tires for as long as it lives. On each side, it has a face and eyes that look around. It has a large body and a stinking smell. It can only be observed from the top of a mountain, for no one can approach it without being devoured. The person who looks at it should protect himself against the smells of the animal by inhaling camphor, as otherwise the stench will make him faint.

35 See also Rawadieh’s comments in Gharāʾib 2011, 464. Alternatively, it could be Aristotle, whose Historia Animalium is sometimes cited by Damir as Kitāb al-Ḥayawān al-Kabīr (Smyly 1957, 64).
The ashkar is an animal that can walk and spends much time on land. Its head is like the head of a giant bird, and its body is the body of a predatory beast with fine hair. It has white wings, claws, and red eyes. It has lots of uses. A table-cloth made from its skin will never be touched by vermin.

The qāsah is an animal bigger than a cat, with a long tail. Its skin is yellow with black spots like the skin of a leopard. It has small ears and red eyes. It lounges in the courts of kings, and is susceptible to training. Women keep it in their quarters like a domesticated cat. It is a blessed animal, for when it sees poisoned food it turns away until its quality is ascertained. This beast is found in Upper Egypt, the Sudan, and the hot lands. 'Abd al-Jabbar sent one of these animals to Tekkīn, who was the governor of Egypt.

A-l-w-n-y-s is a predatory beast born of a union between monkeys and mountain sheep. It is the size of a wolf, with a horn and immense power. It may kill a man, and it eats many other animals.

The d-b-r-a. is a predatory beast born of a union of a lioness and a leopard (namir). It is the size of a large wolf. It is so feared that no other predatory animal or wild beast seeks its company (literally, ‘warms in his fire’), or takes shelter with it. It is said that it fights the babr (leopard), and that the babr fears no other animal.

Khizz al-mā’ (literally, ‘the water-silk’) is a weasel-like beast, but slightly larger. It is born in the rivers, and it swims in water in the same way it runs on land. It has a soft, fine hair, of which silken fabrics are made.

In the coasts of Zābaj, in the mountain of al-Jārūd, there are huge apes, with white breasts, black backs and tails, green shoulders, and moustaches which are made of ivory and silver, which servants hold over the heads of kings in their audiences. French translation in Mas‘ūdī 1962, 1:1355, no. 429.

In the lands of Zābaj there are red mountain goats, spotted with white dots, which have tails like deer. Their flesh is sour.

40 Compare Mas‘ūdī 1962, 1:204, no. 429, in the account of the kingdom of Dharma: ‘this is the source of the hair known as s-m-r, which is used for fly whisks (midhābb), with handles made of ivory and silver, which servants hold over the heads of kings in their audiences’.

41 This account has close parallels with the account of the rhinoceros (kurkaddan) in Ḥājīz 1938, 712-34. Ḥājīz casts doubt on the veracity of the account, and his version lacks the concluding account of the mother’s thorny tongue. A century later, al-Mas‘ūdī mocks al-Ḥājīz for including this fanciful account in his work (Mas‘ūdī 1962, 1:205, no. 432). See a parallel account in al-Damīrī, following Qazwīnī: ‘al-Qazwīnī states that it is an animal of the same description as an elephant, but it is smaller than it in body and larger than the ox. Some say that its young one puts its head out of the vulva of the dam (before it is completely born) and grazes until it becomes strong: when it becomes strong, it comes forth and flees away from the dam, out of fear of the latter licking it with its tongue, for its tongue is like a thorn; if, however, the dam succeeds in finding it, it licks it until its fleece separates from its bones; it is very common in India’ (Jayakar 1908, 2:81).
if you touch it with your hand the musk scent clings to you.\footnote{Compare a parallel account of the musk-rats in Ibn al-Faqīh 1885, 13; translated in Ibn al-Faqīh 1973, 13: ‘Quant aux rats musqués, on les transporte vivants di Sind jusqu’à az-Zābaj (la civette a meilleur parfum que le musc); quant à sa femelle, elle est porteuse de musc; lorsqu’il passe dans une chambre, le parfum de musc s’exhale de lui; et lorsque vous le touchez, son parfum imprègne votre main’. See the different version in Jāḥiẓ 1938, 5301; Watwāt 2000, 379–80.}

In the lands of the Turks there are rats (jīrdhān) which shed their skins and pluck their hair. These [hairs] are woven into kerchiefs, which, when soiled, are thrown into a fire. The fire consumes the dirt but the kerchief remains as it is, without burning.\footnote{Compare a similar account in Watwāt 2000, 290. This salamander-like quality of field rats is not mentioned by Damīrī (see Jayakar 1908, 1418–420).}

It is reported from Alexander\footnote{On the Alexander Romance in medieval Arabic literature, see the above discussion of Alexander’s letter to Aristotle, at the end of Chapter Twenty-One, on deformed humans.} that he saw, during his journey in India, a lion coming out of a forest and attacking a garrison, and the lion was the size of a buffalo. [He also saw] beasts with horns above their nostrils, larger than elephants; and pigs with cubit-long fangs; and tall men, every one of them six cubits, with sharp teeth like the teeth of dogs, while their faces were like the faces of women. And God is capable of all things.
The qāz: A bird resembling a francolin. It is red as a blazing fire, with a white beak, dark blue eyes, and white claws like the claws of the falcon. It is used to hunt hares and large birds. It is found in al-band, which is at the edges of China, next to the Hot Sea, which is a sea of unyielding heat in which no life exists. The people of that region are blacks, who let down their long, loose hair. Gold grows in their land like bamboo. It is present on the surface of the land, and it is impossible to look at it when the Sun shines due to its shimmer. These people have no dwellings but caves. In their land there is a fruit which is nibbled like bread, and it is their sustenance. When this bird [i.e., the qāz] is near a food-tray containing poison or any secret evil, its feathers blacken and scatter off his body, until the person who is familiar with this bird figures out there is a poison and stays away from it. Once the bird is placed in rice-water it regains its feathers after ten days.

In the sea of Fārs (Persian Gulf) there is a bird which lays its eggs on the surface of the water. It collects wisps floating over the sea, flutters over it and lays its eggs. It only knows the middle of the oceans.

In the land of Zābaj there are white, red and yellow parrots, who speak in whatever language they are instructed, whether Arabic, the language of the Zanj, or Persian.

In the land of Zābaj there are green and spotted peacocks. There is also a species of birds called al-ḥawārī, which is larger than a starling and smaller than a ring-dove. It has a yellow beak, its wings and belly are black, and its legs are red. It is more eloquent than the parrot.

In the land of Zābaj there are white, red and spotted ducks, with split crests, short legs, and long spurs.

In the lands of D-n-b-l-a there are huge cocks, with long legs, almost the size of an ostrich.

In the land of Q-a-q-l-h, at the mountain of al-Jārūd in the land of Zābaj, there are white falcons.

In the land of Sofala there is a species of birds called al-kharābī. It can learn how to speak eloquently, but lives no longer than a year.

In a region called Kumkam (Konkan) there is a cock-like bird with a huge crest, known as the water-cock.

In the sea of Fārs (Persian Gulf) there is a bird called jarshī, larger than a pigeon. When it excretes dung, a bird flying behind it receives its dung as if assigned to do this, and swallows it. This bird is called juwānkark.

In India, in the kingdom of Balharā, there is a bird called hoshghharānī. It is the size of a goose, beautifully coloured, with a green head and yellow inner corners of the eyes. Kings keep them in their houses. When it sees something poisonous it screams loudly, and its scream indicates the presence of the poison. However, when its mind is at rest it sings in a beautiful voice. [Therefore], kings drink in its presence. It is rare, and found only in small numbers.
In China there is a bird called *b-l-d-a-m*. It is red, the size of an ostrich, and is used to hunt wild asses.

In India there is a bird called *d-y-w-r-a*, which is the size of a pigeon. It is red, with a white beak. It is also found in the open country of the Zanj (?). Wherever it is found, it kills all snakes, scorpions, mice and vermin.

In all climes one finds a bird called *bādrūs*. It is red, with a yellow pupil (iris) like the ring-dove. It enters houses. Its brain has a great power to thwart major poisons, and its gall bladder is [dried, powdered, and then] snuffed to treat facial paralysis and hemiplegia. Its gizzard is burned and crushed with camphor; it is an ointment for treating cataracts, and it benefits those who have lost their eyesight, or those afflicted with a membrane on the eye (*al-ghishāwah*) and other ophthalmic ailments. Its blood is used for [combatting] the spreading (*al-ʿadāwah*) of eye disease. Wherever it is found, no vermin can survive. Its voice breaks spells, curses and the power of spirits (*al-rūḥāniyyah*). Whoever carries with him the eye (literally, 'pupil', *ḥadaqah*) of this bird will only encounter love and respect. Kings have it as [talismanic] pendants.

The *m-a-m-n-q-r* is a bird covered with green feathers, except for its neck, which is flaming red. Its eyes are black, and his feet are golden yellow. It has talons, and it is the size of a falcon. It is domesticated in houses and associates with men. When a cushion is placed before it, it stands on it so it can see the dining table. If anything containing a poison or a secret evil is served to the table, it clutches the cushion, and then twists its head to its side and plucks out of its feathers a feather with a drop of blood on it. When the food tray is stained with that blood, its red colour turns to white immediately, and it is known that there is poison in it. This bird is found in China in a city called *F-j-w-z-n*. It is hunted by means of a beast called *m-r-h-n-d*.

The *b-h-q-r-a-m* is a bird with the body of a pigeon, with white feathers, and two green lines in the middle of its back. It has a red beak and legs, red eyes, with a pointed beak like a falcon’s. It has a pleasant and beautiful voice, and it does not keep quiet save for eating or drinking. It is found at the far end of the land of the Turks. When it sees poisonous food it becomes restless, clutches the ground and is overcome by silence. This bird feeds on what other birds, predatory beasts, and wild animals feed. The Turks smear their eyes with its gall bladder, and are then not affected by darkness and nothing is hidden from them.

The *s-h-w-a-n* is a bird in the land of the Slavs and the lands which border on the land of the Franks. It is in the shape of an ostrich, but the pupils of its eyes are green, and it has a red beak, as long as a cubit, from which handles of knives are made. It has cloven hoofs. It flies a purposeful, quick flight, and cannot be overtaken. Once it is hunted, it lives in the quarters of kings, where it is always next to a basin of water. It drinks from the basin drop by drop, for otherwise it is disturbed and dies. It often attacks anyone who comes near it. It is rare, and has been found only once in a long time. If a sick person is brought before it, and it turns its face from him three times, then one knows that this person is going to die; however, if it looks at him, and then uses its beak to pick a peck of dirt from the ground and eat it, then they take it as indication of the recovery of that sick person. The bird lives as long as a horse.

This completes the second book. Praise be to God, master of the worlds.

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13 Both manuscripts have *al-mirrīkh* (the planet Mars).

14 Literally, ‘the descent of water in the eye’ (*nuzūl al-māʾ fī al-ʿayn*), a common term for a cataract.

15 On this land animal and its symbiotic relationship with the *m-a-m-n-q-r* bird, see Chapter Twenty-Four above, where the name of the animal is written as *b-m-r-h-y-d*.
The glossary covers not only the names given to stars, planets, and comets, but also star-groups, asterisms, and constellations. Their occurrence within the Book of Curiosities is provided in the right-hand column in terms of the book, then chapter within that book, followed by a numbered reference when items in that chapter have been assigned numbers in the edition/translation; for example, 1.4 no. 019 refers to Book One, Chapter Four, no. 019 in the list given within that chapter. In transliterating the star-names, the letter 'x' has occasionally been used to represent a letter that lacks diacritical dots and could be interpreted in any number of ways. We gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Professor Paul Kunitzsch in identifying many of the star-names.

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<td>Unidentified. One of the eleven stars said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph. A variant spelling ʿ-m-w-d-a-n is given by Ṭabarī 1969, 15355 (no. 18780), Dhahabi 1963, 1572, and Baydāwī (Beeston 1963, 76), and yet another variant ʿ-m-w-dh-a-n is given Ibn Kathir 1987, 22485.</td>
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<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for α Coronae Borealis (Alphecca). It is otherwise unattested. In an Arabic fragment of a similar list of Hermetic stars, the Pahlavi (Middle-Persian) name is given as s-r-m-ʾ-s-x-r (Kunitzsch 2001, 35 and 66), while the Hebrew fragment gives it as s-y-r-b-ʾ-s-y-r (Lelli 2001, 129).</td>
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<td>a-a-r-s</td>
<td>أرس</td>
<td>Ares (Ἄρης): A Greek (bi-l-rūmiyah) name for the planet Mars. The same Greek (rūmiyah) name of a-a-r-s or a-r-s is assigned to this planet by al-Bīrūnī and al-Qummī. Sources: Biruni 1878, 192; Qummi 1997, 189.</td>
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<td>a-l-a-d-r-q</td>
<td>الادرق</td>
<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for α Aquilae (Altair), the eleventh brightest star in the heavens. The star-name is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>a-l-b-r-kh-y-s</td>
<td>البرخيس</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: A variant name given to a comet in the text of Ibn Hibintā; the same comet is given the name al-ilḵāyānī (the long-bearded one) in the Book of Curiosities, where it is said to have been described by Ptolemy. Source: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1262–3.</td>
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<td>a-l-gh-a-f-d</td>
<td>النافض</td>
<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for β Geminorum (Pollux), the star in the face of the eastern twin forming half of the constellation of Gemini. The 'Persian' name could be read as the Arabic word al-ghāfīs meaning a sudden calamity or event (Lane 1863, 2275).</td>
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<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for α Hydrae (Alphard). The name is otherwise unattested. It it could be read as the Arabic word al-tūqah meaning ‘buckle’.</td>
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<td>abāhind</td>
<td>أهند</td>
<td>[Venus] A name given in all copies as the ‘Indian’ name (bi-l-hindiyah) of the planet Venus. The name is very likely the common Persian name for the planet Venus, anāhīd, rather than the Indian one.</td>
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<td>الأبناء</td>
<td>The sons: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In one place in Chapter Five (no. 067), it is illustrated with four stars arranged in a square, with no further information provided. In a second entry in Chapter Five (no. 128) it is illustrated</td>
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<td>الأبين</td>
<td>The clearer one: Unidentified. It is an alternative form given in later copies (D, B, M) for a star that in copy A is called al-anīn (the groan?). The star-group is illustrated as three stars, and neither name has been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-ʿadhārā</td>
<td>العذارى</td>
<td>The virgins: Uncertain identification. It is apparently an alternative name for a star-group called al-ʿudhrāh (virginity). In Chapter Nine the star-group is called al-ʿadhārā, and the text states that it consists of five stars. It is, however, illustrated with a pair of stars, while in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol 9a, it is shown as four stars. In Chapter Five, the name is al-ʿudhrāh, where it one time is illustrated with five stars but a second time with only four. Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way under the star Sirius (α Canis Majoris) there were five stars called al-ʿudhrāh. Some have identified them as ω1 .2δεη Canis Majoris. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 42 no. 28; Kunitzsch 1983, 98 G32.</td>
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<td>العذب</td>
<td>The sweet, pleasant one: The name given the planet Saturn. Our manuscript A specifies that this is an Indian or Hindi name (bi-l-hindīyah), while later copies D and M state that it is 'Syriac' (bi-l-suryāniyah). Al-Bīrūnī gives the Syriac name for Saturn as كاون, while al-Qummī does not provide Syriac equivalents (Bīrūnī 1878, 192). If this was intended as a Syriac name, it is the only planet for which our author attempted to provide such a name. On the other hand, most if not all of the 'Indian' names for planets given in Chapter Eight appear to be simply Arabic words, and it is likely that bi-l-hindiyah is the correct reading here rather than the bi-l-suryāniyah of the later copies.</td>
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<td>الشمال العدو</td>
<td>The northern enemy: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources for star-names. In Chapter Five, the name occurs only in copy M; the position in the list of stars suggests that it is near Spica (α Virginis). For this star in Chapter Five, the early copy A gives al-maḥras al-shamālī (the northern walled enclosure), while copies D and B give al-faras al-shamālī (the northern horse), both also unrecorded as star-names. It may be a variant of ḥāris al-shamāl (the sentinel of the north) which is recorded as an alternative name for the star Arcturus (α Boötis). In Chapter Nine, the name is a conjectured reading of a corrupt passage. Source: For ḥāris al-shamāl, Kunitzsch 1961 67 no. 121a.</td>
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<td>aflāʾ al-khayl</td>
<td>أفلأ الخيل</td>
<td>The foals of the horses: A name for small stars in the midst of ‘the horses’ (al-khayl), which are said to be stars under the tail of the scorpion (that is, under λ Scorpionis), probably in the constellation Hydra or nearby Ara. The ‘foals of the horses’ are illustrated in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVII in Chapter Nine with 5 stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 35 no. 2 and 70 no. 129; Kunitzsch 1983, 43 no. 2.</td>
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<td>الأغبار</td>
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<td>aghūjūs</td>
<td>أغوجوس</td>
<td>αἰγόκερως, a horned goat: Capricorn. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Capricorn. Copy A writes the name as a-gh-w-j-w-s, while later copies D and M write it as a-gh-w-j-w-sh, and copy C as q-z-m-y-r. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 192.</td>
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<td>al-ahillah</td>
<td>الأهيل</td>
<td>The new moons: Unidentified as a star-name. The name may not be intended as a star-name, although in Chapter Five, the name is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the eighth row of northern star-names; no stars are illustrated for the name. The word al-ahillah is the plural of hilāl meaning the new moon, or lunar crescent.</td>
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<td>al-aḥwāḍ</td>
<td>الأحواض</td>
<td><strong>The ponds</strong>: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five is written in the lower margin of the table, and no stars are illustrated. The singular form, al-ḥawḍ (the pond, or watering trough), however, was aligned by 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī with seven stars in the Great Bear (Ṭubast Ursae Majoris). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 67 no. 122.</td>
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<td>al-aḥmirah</td>
<td>الأحمراة</td>
<td>[1] <strong>The donkeys</strong>: Possibly referring to four stars said in some anwāʾ-sources to be at the eastern end of Hydra and the north-eastern part of Centaurus. In Chapter Five (no. 149) they are illustrated as four stars in a curve in copy A, but with five in the later copies D, B, and M. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 64 no. N; Qaddūrī 2005, 91.</td>
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<td>al-aḥmirah</td>
<td>الأحمراة</td>
<td>[2] <strong>The donkeys</strong>: In a different entry in Chapter Five (no. 209), the name al-aḥmirah is given in the later copies (D, B, M) for a star that in the earlier copy A is called al-akhḍar (the green one).</td>
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<td>al-aḥmirah</td>
<td>الأحمراة</td>
<td>[3] <strong>The donkeys</strong>: In Chapter Nine, in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXI, the star-group ‘the donkeys’ (al-aḥmirah) was clearly defined in the text as three luminous stars of the fourth magnitude that comprise half of the star-group called ‘the necklace’ (al-qilādah), the latter being six stars in the constellation Sagittarius. In both the illustration of Lunar Mansion XVI given in Chapter Nine, and in the related diagram MS CB fol. 17a, the star group labeled al-aḥmirah is illustrated with four stars forming a square.</td>
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<td>al-akhbiyah</td>
<td>الأخبيياع</td>
<td>See saʿd al-akhbiyah.</td>
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<td>akhbīyat saʿd</td>
<td>أختيبة سعد</td>
<td><strong>The tents of saʿd</strong>: γτ Aquarii (?). Our author appears to be unique it taking only two stars (presumably ηζ Aquarii) for Lunar Mansion XXV, and the other two usually associated with Lunar Mansion XXV for the ‘tents’ (γτ Aquarii). In the diagram illustrating Lunar Mansion XXV, the ‘tents’ (akhbīyat saʿd) are illustrated as a pair of stars some distance to the south of saʿd al-akhbiyah (ηζ Aquarii). In the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 24a the saʿd is illustrated by two stars and the ‘tents’ by four stars in a Y-formation.</td>
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<td>al-akhdar</td>
<td>الأخضر</td>
<td>The green one: Uncertain identification, possibly ε Pegasi. It is illustrated with a single star. In the later copies D, B, and M, the name is written as al-ahmirah (the donkeys), the same name given an unidentified star in a previous entry (no. 149). In several anwā’-books it is said that autumn (kharīf) is heralded by the appearance of the two nasr-stars (nasr ṭāʾ, α Aquilae, and nasr waqiʿ, α Lyrae) followed by al-akhdar and then by the two stars composing al-fargh al-muqaddam (the anterior spout, α Pegasi). Sources: Lane 1863, 756; Marzūqī 1914, 2:17–18; Ibn ʿĀṣim 1993, 124.</td>
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<td>ákhir Kawkabay</td>
<td>ذكر المركب الشمالي</td>
<td>The northern of the two stars of al-fakkah: Uncertain identification. Possibly one of the two stars (π or ι Coronae Borealis) either side of the gap in the ring of stars forming the constellation of Corona Borealis, which was commonly called al-fakkah. The constellation of Corona Borealis, however, is far to the north of and distant from Scorpio, which is the constellation being described at this point in Chapter Two. If the word is read as al-kiffah (the scale, or pan of a scale), rather than al-fakkah, it would appear more relevant to the combined constellations of Scorpio and Libra; the northern of the two stars in the balance-pans of Libra would be β Librae, also known as Kiffa Borealis. However, β Librae is one of the two stars named immediately after this one in Chapter Two, and therefore it would appear to be an unnecessary repetition.</td>
<td>1.2 (Scorpio)</td>
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<td>al-fakkah</td>
<td>الفلك الشمالي</td>
<td>One of the Bedouin traditions envisaged a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The 'head of the she-camel' was illustrated in the map accompanying Lunar Mansion XXVI, and it has been aligned with three stars in Andromeda, ω Andromedae. Several star-names were based on various parts of this she-camel, but the particular term used here (ákhir al-nāqah) is unrecorded. In the text for Lunar Mansion XXVIII it is stated to be the same as 'the dyed hand' (al-kaff al-khādib; βεκασιοπιας, Cassiopeiae), the well-known W-shaped asterism in Cassiopeia. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVIII it is illustrated as an open ring of 16 stars. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB fol. 27a, a large number of stars in various rows are labeled with different parts of the she-camel and it is stated that 'the dyed hand' is the same of the hump (sanām) of the she-camel. Sources: For various star-names associated with this camel, see Kunitzsch 1961, 85 no. 190; Kunitzsch 1983, 49 no. 136b, 90 no. G22.</td>
<td>1.9 (XXVIII)</td>
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<td>al-shamālī</td>
<td>الشمال</td>
<td>The last of the camel—that is, the 'dyed hand':</td>
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<td>ákhir al-nāqah</td>
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<td>wa-huwa al-kaff al-khādib</td>
<td>هو [ال] كف الخضيب</td>
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<td>ākhir al-nahr</td>
<td>آخير النهر</td>
<td>The end of the river: $\theta$ Eridani, a double star today called Acamar. While the Arabic name means literally ‘the end of the river’, it is probably not the star today named Achernar (‘the end of the river’), which is $\alpha$ Eridani, the ninth brightest star of the heavens. In Ptolemy’s day, $\alpha$ Eridani would not have been visible to an observer north of the geographical latitude of 23 1/2°. There is, however, evidence that $\alpha$ Eridani was observed in traditional Bedouin astronomy and in the nautical traditions of the 15th and 16th centuries. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 99 no. 1; Savage-Smith 1985, 192; Kunitzsch 1983, 81–3 N29; for Bedouin knowledge of $\alpha$ Eridani, Kunitzsch 1977.</td>
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<td>al-aʿlām</td>
<td>الأعلام</td>
<td>The signposts: $\beta\gamma\delta$ Aurigae. The star-name al-aʿlām was applied to a group of three bright stars behind Capella ($\alpha$ Aurigae). In Chapter Five (no. 100) the name is written in the lower margin, and no stars are illustrated, but it is repeated later (no. 175) where it is illustrated with three stars in a row. In Chapter Nine it is illustrated with five stars in the diagram for Lunar Mansion V and again also in the diagram for Lunar Mansion VIII. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 36 no. 8; Kunitzsch 1983, 43 no. 8, 54 no. 214, 84 G3.</td>
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<td>alyat al-ḥamal</td>
<td>ألية الحمل</td>
<td>The lamb’s fat-tail: Unidentified. The name of a comet/meteor that appears every 40 years. It is said to also be known as al-muʿtaniqayn (the embracing couple) and to have a tail that casts flames and sparks of fire. It is illustrated as two long swords or darts. The name is not found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>amlūdīṭā</td>
<td>أملوديطة</td>
<td>Aphrodite (Ἀφροδίτη): A Greek name ($bi-l$-rūmiyah) given the planet Venus. It is transliterated in copy A as amlūdīṭā, but written in the two later copies as amrawīṭā, and it is apparently intended as the equivalent of the Greek Ἀφροδίτη, the Greek deity name given to Venus. The Greek ($rūmiyah$) name of Venus is written as afrūdīṭi and afrūdīṭā respectively by al-Bīrūnī and al-Qummi. Sources: Birūni 1878, 192; Qummi 1997, 189.</td>
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<td>ʿamūd al-ṣalīb</td>
<td>عمود الصلب</td>
<td>The vertical post of a cross: ε Delphini. According to ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī, the star in the tail of the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Delphinius was called ʿamūd al-ṣalīb because the four bright stars (βαδγ Delphini) that form a rhomboid in that constellation were thought by Bedouins to form a cross. The 'vertical post of a cross' is in Chapter Five illustrated with five stars arranged as a cross, but in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXIII in Chapter Nine it is shown as four stars in a square. In an illustration for Lunar Mansion XII that occurs in MS CB fol. 21a, the star-group called ʿamūd al-ṣalīb is illustrated with ten stars in two vertical rows and a single star beneath them. See also, al-ʿunqūd. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 42 no. 30; Savage-Smith 1985, 157.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 125 1.9 (XXIII)</td>
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<td>al-ʿānah</td>
<td>العانة</td>
<td>The herd of wild asses: A group of small stars in the southern hemisphere, beneath the Ptolemaic constellation of Piscis Austrinus. The precise identification is uncertain. They are illustrated in Chapter Five with a single star, with no further information given. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 42 no. 32.</td>
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<td>anāḥīd</td>
<td>أناهيد</td>
<td>[Venus]: The common Persian name for the planet Venus was anāḥīd, sometimes written nāḥīd. In all copies, the name is actually written as abāhind, where (in Chapter Eight) it is said to be the Indian name (bi-l-hindiyah) rather than the Persian name. Al-Bīrūnī, in similar lists of names, gives the Sanskrit for Venus as शुक्र in his Chronology of Ancient Nations and in his astrological manual as shukr wār; see Birūnī 1878, 192; Birūnī 1879, 192; and Birūnī 1934, 165. These are equivalent to the Sanskrit Cukra and the Hindi šukravār (शुक्रवार). Sources: EP, art. nujūm (P. Kunitzsch); Hastings 1921, 86.</td>
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<td>al-ʿanāq</td>
<td>العاناق</td>
<td>The young she-goat: ζ Ursae Majoris (Mizar). According to the Bedouin tradition, the large star in the middle of the tail of Great Bear was called al-ʿanāq. In Chapter Five, however, it is illustrated with a pair of stars. In Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as a single star. The name al-ʿanāq can also mean a lynx as well as a young she-goat or kid (Hava 1964, 505), but because al-ʿanāq is used to designate a different set of stars, the translation of the name is here differentiated from ʿanāq al-ard. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 43 no. 33; Savage-Smith 1985, 136.</td>
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<td>anāq al-ard</td>
<td>عناق الأرض</td>
<td>The desert lynx: γ Andromedae or β Persei. The name 'anāq al-ard was a Bedouin name for a star in the constellation Andromeda that is usually identified as γ Andromedae. However, there is confusion amongst anwā’-writers regarding this star, with some association with β Persei. In Chapter Five (no. 055) it is identified as an alternative name for ra’s al-ghul (β Persei), while later in the same chapter it is given on its own and illustrated with a single star. In yet a third occurrence in Chapter Five (no. 202), it is illustrated with four stars in a square, while in Chapter Nine it is again illustrated with only a single star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 43 no. 34a; Kunitzsch 1983, 44 no. 34a.</td>
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<td>al-’anazah</td>
<td>العنزة</td>
<td>The javelin, or short spear: A rare name for the constellation Sagitta.</td>
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<td>anf al-asad</td>
<td>أنف الأسد</td>
<td>The nose of the lion: The open cluster M44, Praesepe.</td>
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<td>anikhus</td>
<td>انيكوس</td>
<td>Hēniokhos (Ἡνιόχος): An Arabised version of the Greek name for the constellation of Auriga.</td>
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<td>al-anīn</td>
<td>الأتين</td>
<td>The groan (?): Unidentified. It is illustrated as three stars. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. In later copies (D, M) the name is written as al-abyan (the clearer one), also an otherwise unattested star-name.</td>
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<td>al-‘anz</td>
<td>العنز</td>
<td>[1] The goat: α Aurigae (Capella) or ε Aurigae. In the constellation of Auriga, the star near the western elbow of the figure was traditionally called al-‘anz ‘the goat’, though ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī stated that it could also apply to the large star on the western shoulder of the figure—that is, Capella (α Aurigae), the sixth brightest star in the heavens. In the table</td>
<td>1.5 no. 170 1.9 (I) 1.9 (XXVI)</td>
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of ‘thirty bright stars’ given in Chapter Four it clearly refers to α Aurigae (Capella), for it is defined as being equivalent to al-ʿayyūq, the traditional name for Capella. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star.

In Chapter Nine it is said to be a ‘large, bright star’ that rises before Lunar Mansion I, and Capella would indeed ‘rise’ before Lunar Mansion 1. In the accompanying illustration, however it is illustrated as a single star toward the south of Lunar Mansion I. In the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 2a, the same star is labelled kalb al-ʿans (the dog of the goat; written without dots), and it is possible that this otherwise undocumented star-name refers to a different star than one in Auriga.

Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 43–4 nos. 36–7; Savage-Smith 1985, 151–3

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<td>al-ʿanz</td>
<td>[2] The goat: Unidentified star-group. In 1.9 (XXVI) the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVI, there is a row of three stars labelled al-ʿanz. Since these three stars are placed south of stars in Pegasus (comprising Lunar Mansion XXVI) and consequently far from the constellation of Auriga, the name al-ʿanz cannot be referring to either α Aurigae or α Aurigae. It is possible that the name ‘the goat’ is referring to another otherwise unrecorded group of stars. MS CB fol. 25a illustrates in approximately this position six stars labelled min al-ʿanz (amongst the goat).</td>
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<td>al-ʿanz</td>
<td>[3] The goat: Boötes. An unusual name given the constellation of Boötes in the diagram opening Chapter One. It is possible that a confusion of terms has occurred in the opening diagram, with the copyist misreading the word al-ʿawwāʾ as al-ʿanz, for the most common Arabic name given Boötes was al-ʿawwāʾ (the howler). In Chapter Three, however, Boötes is called al-ghūl with al-ʿanz possibly intended as a synonym.</td>
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<td>al-ʿaqd</td>
<td>The knot: α Piscium (?). In the Ptolemaic constellation of Pisces, the third star in the band between the fishes, counting from the eastern fishes, was called by ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī ‘the knot of the two ties’ (ʿaqd al-khayṭayn), probably reflecting the Ptolemaic imagery rather than the Bedouin. The name al-ʿaqd does not occur in the anwāʾ-literature. It is here illustrated with a single star. Sources: ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 252; Savage-Smith 1985, 187.</td>
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<td>al-ʿaqrab</td>
<td>العقرب</td>
<td>The scorpion (Scorpio): The Arabic name 1.1 (diagr. 1) for the constellation and zodiacal sign of 1.10 Scorpio.</td>
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<td>aqrūnus</td>
<td>أورونس</td>
<td>Kronos (κρόνος): The Greek (bi-l-rūmiyah) 1.8 name for the planet Saturn. It is a transliteration of the Greek κρόνος, the Greek deity name given to Saturn. The same Greek (rūmiyah) name of aqrūnus is assigned to this planet also by al-Bīrūnī and al-Qummi. Sources: Biruni 1878, 192; Qummi 1997, 189.</td>
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<td>ʿarʿar</td>
<td>ععر</td>
<td>The juniper tree: Unidentified. This is said to be a Greek name, otherwise unrecorded, for a pair of stars (or meteors) known in Arabic as al-dalāʾil (the omens). The pair are said to lie near al-fakkah. They are described amongst the obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-arnab</td>
<td>الأرناب</td>
<td>[1] The hare: Lepus. The common Arabic 1.1 (diagr. 1) name for the classical southern constellation 1.3 of Lepus.</td>
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<td>al-arnab</td>
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<td>[2] The hare: Unidentified star-group. 1.5 no. 020 Apparently (from the illustration given in Chapter Five) a group of three stars, stated to be in al-hulbah (Coma Berenices). The name in association with this asterism has not been found in other recorded sources. Sources: For other stellar uses of the name al-arnab, Kunitzsch 1983, 72–3 no. N14.</td>
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<td>ʿarquwat al-dalw</td>
<td>عرقوة الدلو</td>
<td>The wooden rod for carrying a bucket: β 1.9 (XXV) Pegasi, a red-giant star also called Scheat. The Arabic name for this star as written in the text for Lunar Mansion XXV must be a scribal error for ʿarquwat al-dalw, which in turn must be an alternative name for muqaddam al-dalw (the anterior part of the bucket), which is written in the accompanying diagram and was also in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXIV as the name for the 'ayyūq-star of the previous lunar mansion. It refers to the northern of the stars forming al-fargh al-muqaddam (the anterior spout; 2β Pegasi) of a leather bucket envisaged in the area of Pegasus. According to the text, the 'ayyūq-star is the northern one of the two, which is β Pegasi. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 44 no. 38a; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 82.</td>
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<td>ā-r-s-w</td>
<td>اَرْسَ</td>
<td>Hermes (Ἑρμής): A Greek (bi-l-rūmiyah) name given the planet Mercury. It is written in the early copy A as ā-r-s-w and in the two later copies as a-r-s, and it is apparently intended as a transliteration of the Greek Ἑρμής (Hermes), the Greek deity name given to Mercury. The Greek (rūmiyah) name of Mercury is written as hirmis and hāris respectively by al-Bīrūnī and al-Qummī. Sources: Birūnī 1878, 192; Qummī 1997, 189.</td>
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<td>'arsh al-simāk</td>
<td>عَرْشُ السَّمََّاك</td>
<td>The throne of the [unarmed] simāk: βγδε Corvi. Four stars in the southern constellation of the Raven (Corvus) were in the Bedouin tradition called 'arsh al-simāk al-aʿzal (the throne of the unarmed simāk). The ‘unarmed simāk’ was the large star Spica in Virgo (α Virginis). By the early Arabs this star in Virgo was viewed as one of the back legs of a very large lion. Spica is visible in the hand of Virgo to the north of the tail of Corvus. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 44 no. 40; Savage-Smith 1985, 205.</td>
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<td>al-arwá</td>
<td>الأَرْوَى</td>
<td>The female mountain goat, or antelope: 1.5 no. 188 Unidentified. It is illustrated as two stars. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>[1] The lion: Leo. The common Arabic name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Leo. 1.1 (diagr. 1)</td>
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<td>[2] The lion: Unidentified star-name. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. In the Bedouin tradition, an even larger lion was envisioned in the skies, and the phrase 'of the lion' forms part of a number of star-names. Used by itself, however, it is undocumented as a star-name. The name as written in copy A makes little sense, and therefore the reading in the later copies (D, B,M) of al-asad has been adopted. 1.5 no. 189</td>
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<td>الأَسْاَىَ</td>
<td>The myrtle: Unidentified star-group. It is illustrated by four stars in a row and said to be below the ‘daughters of the bier’ (banāt nāʾsh). The latter could be either in Ursa Minor (εδα Ursa Minoris) or Ursa Major (ηζε Ursae Majoris). 1.5 no. 014</td>
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<td>asfal sarīr banāt naʿsh</td>
<td>الأسفال سرير بنايت ناش</td>
<td>The lower part of the bed of the daughters of the bier: It is presumably the 'bed' or 'bier' of Ursa Major that is represented in the diagram for Lunar Mansion IX, along with the 'daughters of the bier' (αβδγ Ursae Majoris). This drawing (and one of the two given earlier for Lunar Mansion VIII) suggests that the author (or the source used by our author) interpreted the 'bed' as three stars, with the fourth star combined with the three 'daughters'. If this interpretation is correct, then the three stars on the righthand side, labelled 'the lower bed' would be αβγ Ursae Majoris. The equivalent illustration in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a, has eight stars labelled ushnān al-ṭarf (the potash of al-ṭarf) which makes little sense; it might be read as an error for asnān al-ṭarf (the teeth of al-ṭarf), but the meaning of that is also obscure.</td>
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<td>asnān al-ṭarf</td>
<td>أسنان الطرف</td>
<td>The teeth of al-ṭarf: Unidentified. This is a possible reading of an otherwise unrecorded star-name. In an illustration of Lunar Mansion IX in MS CB, fol. 10a, the name (which might also be read as ushnān al-ṭarf) of this star-group is shown as comprised of eight stars. In the corresponding diagram in MS A of the Book of Curiosities, the star-group is labelled asfal sarīr banāt naʿsh (the lower part of the bed of the daughters of the bier).</td>
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<td>al-ʿaṣṣār</td>
<td>العصار</td>
<td>The one who presses grapes: A name given a comet/meteor or star-group, described as a southern star with three radiant stars underneath, with an orbit of thirty solar years. The name of this star-group, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority. It is illustrated as a single star with three stars in a row beneath. This reading of the name (al-ʿaṣṣār) follows the three later copies (D, B, M), which, by ignoring the diacritic tashdīd, can also be interpreted as al-ʿusār (juice, or sap). In the earlier copy (A) it appears to read al-sīghār (the small ones). These terms as a star-name, or name of a comet/meteor, are also not recorded in other published literature.</td>
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<td>al-ʿaṭāʾ</td>
<td>آل العطاء</td>
<td>The gift: Unidentified. This star-name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with a ring of ten stars in the diagram in Chapter Nine showing Lunar Mansion V; it is omitted from the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a.</td>
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<td>al-athāfī</td>
<td>الأثافى</td>
<td>The legs of a tripod: στ Draconis or πφ Draconis. The star-name was applied to at least three different groups formed of three stars. In Chapter Five it is said to be opposite the 'cooking pot' (al-qidr), and the three-star group near the 'cooking pot' (al-qidr) was identified by ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī as stars today designated as στ Draconis and by other anwā-authors as stars today designated as πφ Draconis. Although only two stars are illustrated in Chapter Five as composing this asterism, the author must have intended a group of three stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 38 no. 17; Kunitzsch 1983, 43–4 nos. 17–18, 66 N3, N16</td>
<td>1.5 no. 011 1.9 (VII)</td>
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<td>al-ʿātiq</td>
<td>العأتي</td>
<td>The shoulder-blade: ζ Persei, or ζ Persei. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyā), with her shoulder and outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. Ibn Qutaybah speaks of a single, not very bright, star, while ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī and others identify the shoulder-blade with two stars in the constellation of Perseus. In Chapter Five it is represented with a single star. In Chapter Nine it is illustrated with two stars, although the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a, shows it as a single star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 44 no. 41; Savage-Smith 1985, 151.</td>
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<td>al-ʿaṭūf</td>
<td>العطف</td>
<td>The trap: Unidentified. The name of this star, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is illustrated by a single star and described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafiyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority. This name was stated to be used by Ptolemy and the Hermetic name is not given.</td>
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<td>al-aʿwād</td>
<td>الأواد</td>
<td>The poles: Unidentified. It is illustrated with four stars, three in a row and one beneath. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-ʿawāʾidh</td>
<td>الدوالي</td>
<td>The camel-mothers: $\gamma\xi\nu$ Draconis. Four stars forming a square on the head of the constellation Draco were given the name 'the camel-mothers' by Bedouins. Ibn Qutaybah states that they are to the left of al-nasr al-wāqiʿ ($\alpha\epsilon_1,2\zeta_1,2$ Lyrae), although in the table given in Chapter Five they are said to be to the right of that asterism and illustrated with only three stars rather than four. In the diagram in Chapter Nine of Lunar Mansion XVI, the star-group is shown as only two stars, but it is likely that another star-group was here intended, while in the diagrams for Lunar Mansion XVII and Lunar Mansion XVIII, it is shown as four stars in a square. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 45 no. 42; Kunitzsch 1983, 100 no. G37; Savage-Smith 1985, 137.</td>
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<td>al-ʿawāsib</td>
<td>العوامض</td>
<td>The coverings for camels or horses (?): Several anwāʾ-authors mention in connection with Lunar Mansion IX (rather than Lunar Mansion VIII) a star-name al-ʿawāsib, said to be stars in the form of the letter alif. In a diagram in MS CB, fol. 9a, that is related to one in Chapter Nine, the name is clearly written al-ʿawāsib and illustrated with three stars in a vertical row; in the comparable diagram in Chapter Nine, it is also illustrated with three stars in a vertical row, but the name is spelt as al-ʿawāsif. Other variant spellings are also recorded, such as al-ʿarāsīb. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 64–5 no. N2.</td>
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<td>awlād al-naʿām</td>
<td>ولد النعام</td>
<td>The young ostriches: Uncertain identification. Awlād al-naʿām appears to be an alternative name for firākh al-naʿāʾim (the chicks of ostriches), a star-group said by Ahmad ibn Fāris in his anwāʾ-­treatise to rise toward the north of Lunar Mansion XXII. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 98–9 no. G34; Forcada 2000, 195.</td>
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<td>awlād al-ḍibāʿ</td>
<td>ولد الضباع</td>
<td>The offspring of the hyenas: $\chi\nu\lambda$ Boötis (?). Ibn Qutaybah said these were small stars to the right of the hyenas, between the hyenas and the 'daughters of the bier' ($\gamma\xi\zeta$ Ursae Majoris). 'Abd al-Raḥman al-Ṣūfī identified the children of the hyenas with four stars in the constellation Boötes ($\chi\nu\lambda$ Boötis). In the table in Chapter Five, the name occurs twice, once illustrated with five stars and the second time with four stars. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 39 no. 20.</td>
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<td>awlād al-khayl</td>
<td>ولد الخيل</td>
<td>The offspring of the horses: Precise identification uncertain. The asterism presumably consists of three stars (as illustrated in Chapter Five) below the ‘horses’ (al-khayl) that are formed of stars in the constellation of Ara. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 43 no. 2.</td>
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<td>awlād al-ẓibā’</td>
<td>ولد الظباء</td>
<td>The offspring of the gazelles: Flam. 10 Leonis Minoris, or Flam. 31 Lyncis (?). Ibn Qutaybah says that the offspring (awlād) of gazelles are small stars between the gazelles themselves and their ‘leaps’. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī aligns these with numbers 5 through 8 of the unformed (external) stars of Ursa Major. Only two stars are depicted in the table. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 39 no. 21a.</td>
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<td>al-awsaṭ min minṭaqat al-jawzā’</td>
<td>الأوسط من منطقة الجوزاء</td>
<td>The middle of the giant’s girdle: ε Orionis (Alnilam). The designated star is the middle star of the three making up the famous ‘belt of Orion’ (δεζ Ω Orionis). Source: Kunitzsch 1993, 247 no. 7.</td>
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<td>al-awtād</td>
<td>الأوناد</td>
<td>The tent pegs: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources for star-names. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with three stars in a triangular arrangement, and it is stated that its location is ‘below the northern walled enclosure (al-mahrās al-shamālī)’, which is also an unrecorded star-name. The name (al-mahrās al-shamālī) might be a variation of ḥāris al-shamāl (the sentinel of the north) which ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī gives as an alternative name for the star Arcturus (α Boötis). Source: For ḥāris al-shamāl: Kunitzsch 1961, 67 no. 121a.</td>
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<td>al-‘awwā’</td>
<td>الأواع</td>
<td>[1] The howler: The most common Arabic name given the classical constellation of Boötes. In Chapter Three, all copies give it the name al-ghūl, rather than al-‘awwā’, in the main entry for the constellation, though in the preceding entry (for Cepheus) it is referred to with the name al-‘awwā’. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 174–6.</td>
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<td>الأواع</td>
<td>[2] The howler: Lunar Mansion XIII; βηγδε Virginis. Five stars were usually considered to comprise this lunar mansion, all in the constellation of Virgo. Some Arabic writers, however, said that only four were recognized as forming this lunar mansion. The author of the Book of Curiosities specifies that it is formed of five stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 45 no. 44; Savage-Smith 1985, 127.</td>
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<td>al-aʿyār</td>
<td>الأعيار</td>
<td>The wild asses: The text describing Lunar Mansion XXI in Chapter Nine states that three stars of fifth magnitude were called al-aʿyār (the wild asses) and formed half of the six stars forming the 'necklace' (al-qilādah). The star-name is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>`ayn al-ʿanż</td>
<td>عين المنز</td>
<td>The eye of the goat: An unidentified star whose longitude would fall in Gemini.</td>
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<td>`ayn al-thawr</td>
<td>عين الثور</td>
<td>The eye of the bull: α Tauri, Aldebaran. The largest star on the head of the constellation Taurus is the thirteenth brightest star in the heavens. It is given as an alternative name for al-dabaran in Chapter Nine. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 84–5 no. G4.</td>
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<td>a-y-sh</td>
<td>أيش</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for α Orionis (Betelgeuse), the twelfth brightest star in the heavens. The ‘Persian’ name of a-y-sh is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>al-ʿayyūq</td>
<td>العويق</td>
<td>[1] [obscure meaning]: α Aurigae, known today as Capella. The star called al-ʿayyūq in Arabic is the sixth brightest star in the heavens. The meaning of the Arabic word is not clear. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 119–121 no. 27; Kunitzsch 1961, 46 no. 47; Savage-Smith 1985, 153.</td>
<td>1.2 (Gemini) 1.4 no. 006 1.5 no. 039</td>
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<td>al-ʿayyūq</td>
<td>العويق</td>
<td>[2] [obscure meaning]: Auriga. In Chapter Three the name of the brightest star in the constellation Auriga, al-ʿayyūq (α Aurigae, Capella), has been given to the entire constellation. The use of al-ʿayyūq for the constellation is not known to occur elsewhere, except for manuscripts of the al-Ḥajjāj translation of the Almagest where it reads: mumsik al-aʾinnah wa-huwa al-ʿayyūq wa-yusammá bi-l-rūmıyah anikhus. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 182.</td>
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<td>`ayyūq</td>
<td>عويق</td>
<td>‘ayyūq-star; 'indicator star': A prominent star or stars (‘ayyūqāt) that rise along with, or ahead of, an asterism. In particular, the bright stars indicating the rising of a lunar mansion. Chapter Nine of Book One is particularly concerned with the topic.</td>
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<td>pl. `ayyūqāt</td>
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<td>الأفغا‌ف</td>
<td>The claws: Uncertain identification. The name is written in the lower margin in Chapter Five, and no stars are illustrated and no further information given. Several different pairs of stars were called 'the claws', including the stars in Draco called azfār al-dhiʾb (the claws of the wolf) given elsewhere in Chapter Five (no. 008) amongst the northern stars. Others were in Lyra and in Gemini. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 41 nos. 24–26.</td>
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<td>aẓfār al-dhiʿb</td>
<td>أطفال الذئب</td>
<td>The claws of the wolf: fav Draconis (?). Various interpretations of these stars have been given by writers on anwāʿ, but all of them refer to small stars in the constellation of Draco.</td>
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<td>aẓfār al-nasr</td>
<td>أطفال النسر</td>
<td>The claws of the eagle: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The asterism in Chapter Five is illustrated with two groups of three stars each.</td>
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<td>aẓfar al-nasr al-wāqiʿ</td>
<td>النسر الواقع</td>
<td>The claws of the flying eagle: Uncertain identification. According to Ibn Qutaybah and Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī, the name 'claws' (aẓfar) was used for stars lying before al-nasr al-wāqiʿ (α Lyrae, Vega). Precisely which stars these are remains uncertain. They are illustrated in Chapter Five by four stars in a V-formation.</td>
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<td>ʿaẓm al-simāk</td>
<td>عظم السماك</td>
<td>The bone of simāk: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The name simāk was applied to two different stars: α Virginis (Spica) and α Boötis (Arcturus). In Chapter Five, the name ʿaẓm al-simāk is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the third row of northern star-names; no stars are illustrated.</td>
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<td>b-s-y-m</td>
<td>بسيم</td>
<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for ε Orionis (Alnilam). The 'Persian' name b-s-y-m can be read as basīm, meaning 'well-flavoured', and resembles x-x-r-s-y-m given to α Geminorum in similar Hermetic lists of stars.</td>
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<td>b-sh-n-s</td>
<td>بسم</td>
<td>[Saturn] The Sanskrit or Hindi (bi-l- 1.8 hindiyah) name given for the planet Saturn. The name is unidentified. Al-Bīrūnī, in similar lists of names, gives the Sanskrit as s-n-s-j-r in his Chronology of Ancient Nations and in his astrological manual as s-n-kh-r w-a-r, transcribed by the editor as sanīchar wār. These are equivalent to the Sanskrit चन्द्रिकार and the Hindi sanivār (शनिवार). Al-Bīrūnī gives the Hebrew (bi-l-ʿibrāniyah) name, correctly, as sh-b-th-y [Shabthāy], which is somewhat similar in form to the 'Sanskrit' name of b-sh-n-s given by our author.</td>
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<td>Bābānīyah: A term applied to a group of bright stars near the ecliptic (al-kawākab) al-bābānīyah. The term bābānīyah is an Arabised form of the Pahlavi (Middle Persian) word a-wiyābān-īg, which literally rendered the Greek ἀπλανής (fixed star). Al-Bīrūnī gives the word as biyābānīyah and says it means ‘desert stars’ in Persian (based on the New Persian word biyābān meaning ‘desert’), adding the gloss ‘for finding the right way through deserts depends on them’; this, however, is a false etymology. In antiquity, a special list of thirty bright stars was constructed that was transmitted, through Pahlavi, to the Arabs, where they were known as bābānīyah. Sources: Biruni 1934, 46 sect.125; Kunitzsch 1981; Kunitzsch 2001, 16.</td>
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<td>al-bāghiy</td>
<td>The oppressor, or the unjust: Mars. An ‘Indian’ (bi-l-hindīyah) name for the planet Mars. In copy A the name appears to be the Arabic word al-bāghiy, while in the two later copies (D and M), it appears to be the Arabic word al-nā‘iy, meaning ‘one who announces a death’. Al-Bīrūnī, in similar lists of names, gives the Sanskrit as mangal in his Chronology of Ancient Nations and in his astrological manual as mangal wār. These are equivalent to the Sanskrit mangala or the Hindī mangalvār (मंगलवार). Sources: Biruni 1878, 192; Biruni 1879, 172; and Biruni 1934. 165.</td>
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<td>The obscure: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. In later copies D and B, the name reads al-naham (the greedy), while in copy M it is written as al-baham (lambs or kids); neither of these names have been found as star-names in recorded sources.</td>
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<td>bahrām</td>
<td>[Mars] The common Persian name for the planet Mars. It is sometimes written as vahrān. Sources: EP, art. ‘nujūm’ (P. Kunitzsch); Hastings 1921, 86; Steingass 1892, 210.</td>
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<td>al-bakkārah</td>
<td>البكارة</td>
<td>A set of pulleys: Unidentified. It is illustrated as three stars in a triangular arrangement. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. In the copy A, it is written without diacritics, while in the later copies (D, B, M) the name is written as al-nuṭṭār (guards), which is also unattested as a star-name.</td>
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<td>al-bākhil</td>
<td>البخيل</td>
<td>The miser: Unidentified. It is twice named in Chapter Five, once (no. 172) illustrated in all copies as a single star, while at the second mention (no. 185) it is shown as two stars. The name al-bākhil has not been found in the recorded sources, nor has the reading al-nāḥil (the emaciated one) which occurs in the later copies. It is likely that they are mistakes for al-nājidh (a mature person, or, a molar tooth), for the latter is a name that Ṭab al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī applied to a star on the left shoulder of Orion (γ Orionis). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 84 no. 185.</td>
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<td>al-baldah</td>
<td>البلدة</td>
<td>The place: Lunar Mansion XXI. This lunar mansion was said by most medieval writers to be an area devoid of stars. It was thought of as the area behind the head of Sagittarius. Nonetheless it was occasionally illustrated with four stars, as in the diagram in Book One, Chapter One. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXI in Chapter Nine, it is indicated as a very large single dot, while in the accompanying text specifying that it is 'an empty space in the middle of al-qilādah (ξ²ονδρυ Sagittarii)'. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 7 no. 51; Savage-Smith and Smith 2004, 240; Qazwini i848, 42–51.</td>
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<td>baldat al-tha'lab</td>
<td>بلدة التلعب</td>
<td>The place of the fox: An area of no stars. Authors of anwā'-treatises differ in their description of its location, most commonly assigning it to a region between α Andromedae and the two stars γ Persei and β Andromedae. The association of a fox with an area lacking stars may reflect the association of foxes with baldness, for the common name for alopecia was dāʿ al-tha'lab, 'the disease of the fox'. Al-Marzūqī, alone amongst the anwā'-authors, states that it lies 'to the right of mirfaq (α Persei)—the same description as given in Chapter Five (no. 017), where, however, it is depicted as one large star. Later in Chapter Five (no. 196) the entry al-tha'lab (the</td>
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fox) is given, which is probably a repetition of the earlier entry, though in the latter one it is illustrated by five stars in a V-formation. In Chapter Nine, it is specifically stated that ‘the place of the fox’ is a cluster of four stars arranged in a line, though it is illustrated with six stars in two rows of three; on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a, it is semi-circle of ten stars.

al-banāt
The daughters: Unidentified. Illustrated with a pair of stars on a diagram showing the stars around Lunar Mansion IX; it is not illustrated on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 10a.

banāt arwā
The daughters of the antelope (or female mountain goat): An indentified group of stars whose name is not otherwise recorded in the literature. An unnamed star-group, or comet/meteor, comprised of three stars is said to be nearby.

banāt naʿsh
The daughters of the bier: ηζε Ursae Majoris or εδα Ursa Minoris. In the Bedouin tradition, a bier or corpse-bearing plank accompanied by three mourning daughters was envisioned in two different areas: in the classical constellation Ursa Major and in Ursa Minor.

banāt zimām (?)
The daughters of zimām (?): Unidentified. The name makes little sense as written, and the name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated with three stars. The word zimām is something which ties or fastens, and often is used for a camel’s nose-ring or a bridle. One anonymous anwā‘-treatise does refer to an unidentified star-named banāt imām (the daughters of the imām), and perhaps the same star is intended. In the later copies D, M, B, the star-name is written as wa-al-zimām (and the camel’s nose-ring, or bridle) and illustrated by four stars set in a curve. In Chapter Seven (no. 23), the name al-zimām is applied to a comet/meteor said to be on a hundred-year orbit, near the orbit of Saturn, for which Hermes is given as an authority.
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<td>al-baqar</td>
<td>البقر</td>
<td>The cattle: Uncertain identification. Star groups called 'the cows' are described by <em>anwāʾ</em>-authors as being in various positions. Ibn Qataybah says that opposite the star <em>al-dabarān</em> (α Tauri, Aldebaran) there are stars called 'the cows,' and this description is closest to that given in Chapter Five. Others say that 'the cows' are stars to the right of the 'cut-off hand' (<em>al-kaff al-jadhmāʾ</em>) of the large woman named <em>al-thurayyā</em>—stars envisioned in the area of the constellation Cetus, probably equivalent to λαγδνμ Ceti. In the table in Chapter Five, when the star group is first mentioned (no. 025), it is illustrated with three stars grouped together in a triangle with a solitary star alongside, while at the second mention (no. 184) the four stars are arranged in a square. In Chapter Nine, in connection with Lunar Mansion I, it is illustrated as a group of four stars placed above <em>al-kaff al-jadhmāʾ</em>. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion III in Chapter Nine, a group of six stars may have been intended to be <em>al-baqar</em> but were mis-labelled at <em>al-nath</em> (an alternative name for Lunar Mansion I). In the diagram illustrating Lunar Mansion IV in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated with seven stars; this star-group is not included in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 5a, while in the illustration of Lunar Mansion VII it is shown as twelve stars in a curvy line, with the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 8a, illustrating them as a straight line of six stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 48–9 nos. 58a/b; Kunitzsch 1983, 45–6 nos 58a/b.</td>
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<td>See <em>tarāzū</em>.</td>
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<td>Barshāʿūsh</td>
<td>برشاوش</td>
<td>Perseus (<em>Περσεύς</em>): The name is an attempted transliteration of the Greek name for the northern constellation, <em>Περσεύς</em>. This form of the name occurs only in copy A, where it is written above the normal Arabic name of <em>raʾs al-ghāl</em>. Source: Kunitzsch, 1974, 180–1.</td>
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<td>barthās</td>
<td>رثاس</td>
<td><em>Παρθένος</em>, a young woman: The Greek name for the zodiacal constellation and sign of Virgo. The later copies read <em>baryās</em>, with the early copy A writing the name with no diacritics on the first letter, as <em>x-r-b-a-s</em>. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 191.</td>
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<td>barūn</td>
<td>برون</td>
<td>An unidentified star listed in Chapter Two amongst the babāniyyah stars whose longitude is in the sign of Gemini. It is said to ascend at twenty-seven degrees at a northern position.</td>
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<td>b-a-ṭ-m-y-a-s</td>
<td>ⲱ ⲱ ⲱ ⲱ ⲱ ⲱ</td>
<td>[Saturn]: The Byzantine name (bi-l- yūnāniyyah) for the planet Saturn. It is unidentified. In the early copy A, it is written without any diacritical markings on the next to last consonant, but in MS M it clearly reads as a ‘y’.</td>
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<td>baṭn al-ḥūt</td>
<td>بطن الحوت</td>
<td>The belly of the fish: Lunar Mansion XXVIII; β Andromedae (Mirach) + 17 other stars. Lunar Mansion XXVIII had several different names. That used in the discussion and diagram of the lunar mansion in Chapter Nine, and also in Chapter Two, reflects the Bedouin conception of a large fish positioned across the area we now call Andromeda, with the lunar mansion itself usually being designated by a single star on the south side of the waist of Andromeda (β Andromedae). Our author is unusual, if not unique, in having Lunar Mansion XXVIII composed not of the single star but of 18 stars forming this large fish. In the accompanying diagram it is illustrated by a ring of 14 stars, one of which is larger than the rest. This lunar mansion is also occasionally illustrated on astronomical instruments with a number of stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 50 no. 64a; Savage-Smith 1985, 132; for illustrations on astronomical instruments, Ackermann 2004, 160.</td>
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<td>baṭn al-nāqah</td>
<td>بطن الناقة</td>
<td>The belly of the she-camel: Unidentified. One of a number of stars in the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda, north-east of Lunar Mansion XXVI, that are given names of camel-parts. This particular star-name occurs also in two anonymous anwāʾ- treatises. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 51–2 no. 190.</td>
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<td>baṭn Qayṭūrus (?)</td>
<td>بطن قيطورس</td>
<td>The belly of Cetus (or Centaurus): In all copies, this star name in Chapter Five is written as baṭn Qayṭūrus, indicating a confusion in the transmission of the name. If the reference is to a star in the constellation Centaurus (Qantūrus), then it would be to ε Centauri. It is likely, however, that the constellation of Cetus (Qayṭūs) was intended, in which case the reference would be to the star ζ Ceti, a common star on astrolabes, whose modern name Baten Kaitos is derived from the Arabic.</td>
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<td>baṭn Qayṭūs</td>
<td>بطن قيطوس</td>
<td>The belly of Cetus: ( \zeta ) Ceti, a common star on astrolabes, with the 'modern' name Baten Kaitos, derived from the Arabic. Source: Kunitzsch 1959, 67 no. 8.</td>
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<td>bāṭrūs</td>
<td>بطروس</td>
<td>Peter: Jupiter. The Byzantine name (bi-( l )-yūnāniyah) given as the name for the planet Jupiter. It is otherwise unidentified as a planetary name. Perhaps bāṭrūs is a distorted form of an Arabic transliteration of the Latin name Jupiter.</td>
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<td>al-bawātir</td>
<td>البوتر</td>
<td>Sharp swords or sticks (?): Unidentified. Possibly an otherwise unrecorded name for a group of stars or comets. The phrase min al-bawātir (part of, or belonging to, the bawātir) is used in reference to a comet said to be called al-murawwiʿah by Hermes and Ṭūmā by Ptolemy. The meaning of the phrase, however, is unclear. The word bawātir, according to Dozy 1881, 1:50, is the plural form of bātīr, a sharp sword or stick used to amputate or cut off. The word could also be read as al-nawāʾir meaning hatreds, enmities, or fires; see Steingass 1892, 1431.</td>
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<td>al-bayād</td>
<td>الياض</td>
<td>The white [star]: Unidentified. In the table in Chapter Five, it is illustrated as a single large star, with no further information given.</td>
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<td>bayḍ al-naʿāʾim</td>
<td>يض النعائم</td>
<td>The egg of the ostriches: Uncertain identification. The 'egg of the ostriches' was said by ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī to be given to a star near the 'ostrich nest (udḫī al-naʿām)' which was composed of five stars in Eridanus and two in Cetus. The star-name, however, in Chapter Five (no. 132) is illustrated by eight stars in a ring, while in a second entry in the same chapter (no. 143) it is illustrated with four stars in a straight row. It is also said in Chapter Five (no. 132) to be between al-ṣādirah (the departing one) and al-ṭāʾir (the flying one), but the meaning is unclear. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 50 no. 65.</td>
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<td>al-bāz</td>
<td>الباز</td>
<td>The falcon: Probably an alternative name for α Aurigae (Capella), though illustrated in all copies with a pair of stars. The name in the earliest copy (A) is written as al-bāz (falcon), which is undocumented in the recorded sources as a star-name. However, the name al-bār (of uncertain meaning) is mentioned in some navigational treatises written before 1500, where al-bār is said to be ʿayyūq al-thurayyā, and ʿayyūq al-thurayyā is another name for Capella, usually called simply ʿayyūq. The later copies (D, B, M) are unanimous in reading the name as nasr al-bār, whose meaning is also obscure but may suggest a variety of eagle. Source: For al-bār, Kunitzsch 1961, 49 no. 60.</td>
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<td>al-birjis</td>
<td>سقسنرل</td>
<td>[1] [obscure meaning]: Uncertain identity, either a star in Auriga or one in Perseus. ‘Abd al-Rahmân al-Ṣūfî says that in the Bedouin tradition there were two stars between Capella and the ‘shoulder-blade of al-thurayyâ’ (in the lower foot of Perseus). He goes on to say that one of these intervening stars was in the upper foot of Perseus (e Persei) and the other in the upper foot of Auriga (i Aurigae), and that they were called al-m-r-j-f and al-birjis, though which is which is not clear. The significance of these two star-names is very uncertain, although some suggest that they indicate camel imagery. Aḥmad ibn Fāris identifies the star with ra’s al-ghūl (β Persei). It is likely that al-birjis is the intended star-group in Chapter Five (no. 210), where the name is written as al-narjisah and illustrated by four stars, three in one group with the fourth at a distance. There is no illustration in the accompanying diagram in Chapter Nine, but in the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is illustrated as a star-group of five stars, four in a square and once alongside. In Chapter Nine the word is written without dots, and in the later copies D and M the word is written as al-narjis, meaning ‘narcissus’; in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is written as al-birjis. Variant spellings occur also in other anwā’-sources. Sources: Forcada 2000, 192; Kunitzsch 1961, 50–51 no. 66; Kunitzsch 1983, 46 no. 66 and 95 G29.</td>
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<td>al-birjis</td>
<td>سقسنرل</td>
<td>[2] [obscure meaning]: A name given to a comet in the text of Ibn Hibintâ; the same comet is given the name al-liḥyānî (the long-bearded one) in the Book of Curiosities, where it is said to have been described by Ptolemy. A later Persian list of comets includes one called Birjîsî, but it also includes at the same time another comet named Liḥyânî. Sources: Ibn Hibintâ 1987, 2:141; Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 5 in the list.</td>
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<td>See tizrāwush.</td>
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<td>al-buhul</td>
<td>الپه</td>
<td>She-camels having no brand or mark: Unidentified. In no. 095 of Chapter Five it is illustrated with a ring of eight stars and stated to be in or around the very large giant covering the area around Orion (al-jawzâ’). The word might have been intended to read as al-nuhul, given by the grammarian al-Marzûqî as a variant of al-nihâl (thirsty animals heading for water), which is an alternative name for kursî al-jawzâ’—the name in Chapter Five of the entry (no. 094) that precedes this one, corresponding to four stars in Lepus</td>
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<td>al-buhul</td>
<td>(αβδγ Leporis)</td>
<td>A star-group named al-buhul is mentioned in one anwāʾ source only, but in that instance it is associated with Lunar Mansion XXII, which is formed of stars in the constellation of Capricorn. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 66 no. N4; Kunitzsch 1961, 89 no. 203.</td>
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<td>al-bula</td>
<td>See saʿd al-bula’.</td>
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<td>Büqṭis</td>
<td>Boötes (Βοώτης): An additional name given the classical constellation of Boötes, transliterating its Greek name. The most common Arabic name given the classical constellation was al-ʿawwāʾ. Source: For various Arabic names given this constellation, Kunitzsch 1974, 174–6.</td>
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<td>al-ʿawwāʾ</td>
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<td>al-buṭayn</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] Lunar Mansion II; εδρ Arietis or Flam. 41, 39, 35, 36 Arietis. Variously identified as three or four stars in the constellation Aries. Chapter Nine specifies that it is comprised of one bright star and two obscure ones. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 51 no. 68.</td>
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<td>buzghāla</td>
<td>A calf, or kid: A Persian name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Capricorn. All the copies write the name as buzghalāh (except copy C, which omits it). Source: Steingass 1892, 183.</td>
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<td>al-dabarān</td>
<td>[1] The follower: α Tauri, Aldebaran. The largest star on the head of the constellation Taurus, the thirteenth brightest star in the heavens. It ‘modern’ name Aldebaran is derived from the Arabic name. In Chapter Two it is classified as a bābānīyah star at the puzzling position of 23°20′ South. In Chapter Four it is one of the 30 Hermetic stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 109 no. 16; Savage-Smith 1985, 166.</td>
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<td>al-dabarān</td>
<td>[2] The follower: Lunar Mansion IV; α Tauri (Aldebaran). Aldebaran is the most prominent of the open cluster composing the asterism of the Hyades, and the lunar mansion was occasionally interpreted to include all the Hyades. It is the latter interpretation that our author is following, for it is specifically stated in Chapter Nine that the lunar mansion comprises seven stars arranged in a formation like that of the letter dāl, and this is the way it is illustrated in the accompanying diagram. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 51 no. 69.</td>
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<td>al-ḍabi‘ah</td>
<td>الأضبية</td>
<td>The camel desiring a stallion: Unidentified. 1.5 no. 088</td>
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<td>The star-name given here has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with two stars, and no further details are given. Source: For meaning of name, Lane 1863, 1767.</td>
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<td>al-dāhish</td>
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<td>The unsettled, or amazed, astonished: 1.7 no. 20</td>
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<td>Unidentified. The name of a star or comet, said to complete its orbit every year. It is stated that Ptolemy called it al-muẓlim (the evil-doer). Neither name is found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is illustrated with a single star and described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-dā‘ir</td>
<td>الدائر</td>
<td>The revolving one: Unidentified. It is illustrated as three stars in a triangular arrangement. The name is a variant spelling given in later copies (D, M) for an unidentified star called al-dawā‘ir (the circles) in copy A. Neither name has been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-dajājah</td>
<td>الدجاجة</td>
<td>The hen, or cock: Cygnus. The common Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Cygnus. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 179.</td>
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<td>al-dala‘il</td>
<td>الدلاليل</td>
<td>The omens: Unidentified. The name of this pair of stars (or meteors) is otherwise unrecorded. It is said that the names was used by Hermes, but in addition a Greek name of ‘ar’ar (lit. juniper tree) is given. The pair are said to lie near al-fakkah. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah)’ for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-dalw</td>
<td>الدلو</td>
<td>The traditional Bedouin name for the square formed by the four bright stars in the constellation Pegasus, the asterism known today as the 'Square of Pegasus'. In <em>anwāʾ</em>-literature it was described as having an 'anterior spout' (<a href="#">al-fargh al-muqaddam</a>) composed of the two foremost stars (<a href="#">αβ</a> Pegasi) and a 'posterior' spout (<a href="#">al-fargh al-muʾakhkhar</a>) composed of the two hindmost stars (<a href="#">γδ</a> Pegasi) or <a href="#">α Andromedae</a>). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 57 nos. 92b, 93a, 93b; Savage-Smith 1985, 131–2.</td>
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<td>al-ḍāmin</td>
<td>الصائم</td>
<td>The guarantor: Unidentified. The name of this star, or comet or meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is illustrated with one large star surrounded by five small ones, though in the later copies it is illustrated by six stars arranged pyramidally. It is said to be near the path of Sirius and to be yellow-reddish and saffron-like in colour. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (<a href="#">al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah</a>) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>The circles: Unidentified. It is illustrated as three stars in a triangular arrangement. The name has not been found in the recorded sources. In later copies (D, M) the name is written as <a href="#">al-dāʾir</a> 'the revolving one', also unattested as a star-name.</td>
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<td>الضيقة</td>
<td>The narrows, straits: Unidentified. According to various <em>anwāʾ</em>-authors, this name refers to two stars between Aldabaran (α Tauri) and the Pleiades. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 52 no. 73.</td>
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<td>dhanab al-asad</td>
<td>ذنب الأسد</td>
<td>The tail of the lion: β Leonis. The modern name Denebola comes from the Arabic. The author of the table in Chapter Four has equated the star with Lunar Mansion XII, named ʿarfah, and assigned it a 'Persian' name <a href="#">m-r-s-q</a>, otherwise unattested. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 221–2 no. 206; Savage-Smith 1985, 172.</td>
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<td>ذنب العيوق</td>
<td>The tail of al-ʿayyūq: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. Al-ʿayyūq was the traditional name for Capella, α Aurigae. In Chapter Five, the name dhanab al-ʿayyūq is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the first row of northern star-names. It is evident that considerable corruption has occurred in the tradition of this star-name, for the single star al-ʿayyūq can hardly have had a 'tail' (dhanab). No stars are illustrated.</td>
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<td>The tail of the bear: α dusk Ursae Minoris. Al-Marzūqī mentioned that some astronomers designated the three banāt na’sh (the daughters of the bier) in the smaller bear as 'the tail of the bear'. They are, however, in Chapter Five illustrated with only a single star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 86 no. Gg; Marzūqī 1914, 2371.</td>
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<td>دَنَب النَّسْر الطَّار</td>
<td>The tail of the falling eagle: βαδγ Delphini. The reference is to four stars that lay behind (hence, forming the 'tail of') the 'flying eagle', the latter being either α Aquilae alone or three stars αβγ Aquilae. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXII (and also in the accompanying text) dhanab al-nasr al-ṭāʾir is given as an alternative name for al-unqūd (the bunch of grapes). The more common name for the stars behind Aquila is al-qāʿūd (the young camel) or al-iqūd (necklaces), referring to four stars in the constellation of Delphinius to the east of Aquila (βαδγ Delphini). In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXII, it is illustrated as four stars to the north of three stars—that is, the four</td>
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<td>stars in Delphinus to the left of three stars in Aquila. On the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 21a, two columns of eleven stars are labelled 'ʿamūd al-ṣalīb (the column of the cross), reflecting another variant name for this same star-group. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 86 no. G10; for other names for the four stars in Delphinus, Kunitzsch 1961, 95 no. 234.</td>
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<td>ذنب الثور</td>
<td>The tail of the bull: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with three stars in an arc, with no further details provided. It cannot refer to the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Taurus, for only the front half of a charging bull forms the constellation, with the result that it has no tail. Moreover, in Arabic lore there exists no bull (thawr) which could have a tail.</td>
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<td>dhāt al-kaff</td>
<td>ذات الكف</td>
<td>The lady of the dyed hand (or, The Lady of the Hand): Cassiopeia. The common Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Cassiopeia. The Greek name of this constellation, Cassiopeia, has no trace in the Arabic. In the Bedouin tradition, the five stars in the constellation (βαγδε Cassiopeiae) forming a W-shaped asterism were called al-kaff al-khaḍīb (the dyed hand) and were viewed as being the open hand on an upper extended arm, passing through the constellation Perseus, of a figure named al-thurayyā, whose head was the Pleiades. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 179–180.</td>
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<td>dhawāt</td>
<td>ذوات الذوائب</td>
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<td>al-dhiʾbān</td>
<td>الذبāن</td>
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<td>الذيخ</td>
<td>The manlike hyena: ι Draconis, a star in the constellation of Draco. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVIII in Chapter Nine it is illustrated with a single star. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XX, it is given two alternative names: fahl al-dībāʾ (the male hyena) and jayʿar (the female hyena). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 53 no. 80; Kunitzsch 1983, 47 no. 80.</td>
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<td>دريح</td>
<td>[1] Forearm: A unit of measure. When used as a unit of angular distance, as it is in the context of the lunar mansions in Chapter Nine, it is approximately equivalent to the breadth of a thumb when it is held up at arm's length against the sky. It was defined by 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī as 2°20'</td>
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<td>ذراع</td>
<td>[2] The foreleg [of the lion]: αβ Gemini-rum and αβ Canis Minoris. The ‘foreleg ’ was a name applied to the two stars in the heads of the Ptolemaic Gemini and two in the Canis Minor. In the Bedouin tradition, these stars were seen as forming the forelegs of an enormous lion, which covered an area of the heavens much larger than the Ptolemaic Leo. The traditions are confused as to whether the ‘foreleg’ formed by the two stars in Gemini was the ‘drawn up’ leg (al-maqbūḍah) and the other foreleg formed by the stars in Canis Minor, was the ‘extended’ foreleg (al-mabsūṭah), or whether it was the other way around. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 54 no. 83; Kunitzsch 1983, 97 no. G31 and 63 no. 290a/b; Savage-Smith 1985, 125–6; 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1985, 165.</td>
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<td>ذراع المبسوطة</td>
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was the ‘extended’ foreleg (al-mabsūṭah), or whether it was the other way around. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī argued that the groups of stars that rise first should be the ‘extended’ leg. Since the northern pair (αβ Geminorum) rises before the southern set (αβ Canis Minoris), the former rightly should be termed ‘the extended’ and the latter ‘the drawn up’.

Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 54 no. 82b; Kunitzsch 1983, 97 no. G31 and 63 no. 290a/b.

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<td>dhū al-far’</td>
<td>Possessing many parts: An unidentified star. One of eleven stars (in addition to the Sun and Moon) said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph. The variant dhū al-fargh (possessing a spout) is given by Tabārī 1969, 15:555 (no. 18780) and Dhahābī 1963, 15:572, while the variant al-far’, unmodified, occurs in Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76).</td>
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<td>Possessor of two swellings: An unidentified star. One of eleven (in addition to the Sun and Moon) said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph. The variant dhū al-katifayn (possessor of two shoulder-blades) is given by Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76), with the variant al-katifān (two shoulder-blades) given by Dhahābī 1963, 15:572. A yet different variant, dhū al-kaṇafāt (possessor of two wings), occurs in Tabārī 1969, 15:555 (no. 18780) and Ibn Kathīr 1987, 2485.</td>
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<td>The hyenas: (\upsilon\gamma\delta\beta\alpha) (and (\zeta\eta\sigma\tau\varphi\chi) (\text{Her}-cules})). An outline of hyenas was envisioned in the area occupied by the constellations of Boötes and Hercules. 'Abd al-Ṛahmān al-Ṣūfī aligned these Bedouin stars with five stars in the head, shoulders, and staff of Boötes as well as seven in the constellation of Hercules. However, in Chapter Five only four stars are illustrated for this star-group, though arranged slightly differently in the two diagrams. In the diagram of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine, they are illustrated by ten stars in a coil. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 52 no. 74.</td>
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<td>didimus</td>
<td>(\delta\iota\iota\mu\iota\mu), the twins: Gemini. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Gemini. The name is transliterated as (\text{didimus}) in the early copy A as well as the Karshūni copy B, with the other later copies giving variations on (\text{r-y-d-m-y-s}). Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 189.</td>
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<td>al-ḍifdiʿ al-awwal</td>
<td>The first frog: (\alpha) (\text{Piscis Austrini}) (Fomalhaut), in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Aquarius. In Chapter Nine (for Lunar Mansion I) the name (\text{al-kalb}) (the dog) is given as an alternative name and it is said to be of first magnitude and on the left foot of Aquarius. Elsewhere in Chapter Nine (for Lunar Mansion II), if the interpretation of the text is correct, it was also known as (\text{al-rāʿī}) (the shepherd) and said to be of second magnitude and on the right foot of Aquarius. The star was traditionally called by Arabs ‘the first frog’ ((\text{al-ḍifdiʿ al-awwal})) or ‘the front frog’ ((\text{al-ḍifdiʿ al-muqaddam})), while the bright star in the tail of Cetus was called ‘the back frog’ ((\text{al-ḍifdiʿ al-thānī})) or ‘the second frog’ ((\text{al-ḍifdiʿ al-muʿakhkhar})). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 52, nos. 75a; Savage-Smith 1985, 184, 187.</td>
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<td>al-ḍifdiʿ al-muʾakhkhar</td>
<td>The back frog: (\beta) (\text{Ceti}). The bright star in the tail of Cetus was traditionally called by Arabs ‘the back frog’ ((\text{al-ḍifdiʿ al-muʿakhkhar})), while the large star at the end of the stream of water poured by Aquarius ((\alpha) (\text{Piscis Austrini}), Fomalhaut) was called ‘the front frog’ ((\text{al-ḍifdiʿ al-muqaddam})). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 53, no. 76b; Savage-Smith 1985, 184, 187.</td>
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<td>The lesser bear: Ursa Minor. The standard Arabic designation of Ursa Minor, the first in the sequence of northern constellations. In Chapter Five (no. 226) it curiously is illustrated with a single star. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 172.</td>
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<td>ζγγς, a balance: Libra. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Libra. The early copy A transliterates it as dughrūs, while the later copies M, D, and B can be read either as daghrūs or raghrūs; copy C writes it as y-a-r-s. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 191.</td>
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<td>The dolphin (Δελφίς): Delphinus. The Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Delphinus, derived from the Greek name. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 186.</td>
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<td>The two-edged axe: [Gemini] The Persian name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Gemini. In the early copy A, it is written as dinkar, and in the later copies as dinkir. Sources: Steingass 1892, 541; Birūnī 1934, 70 sect. 150.</td>
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<td>ἄστρον, an archer:</td>
<td>Sagittarius. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation (Sagittarius) of Sagittarius. The earlier copy A writes the name as <em>f-q-r-t-s</em>, while the later copies write it as <em>f-q-t-r-s</em>. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 192.</td>
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<td>فزه الأسد (?)</td>
<td>The prey (?) of the lion: Unidentified. The name is written as <em>f-r-t-h al-asad</em> and is possibly an error for <em>farīsat al-asad</em>. It is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the tenth row of northern star-names in Chapter Five. No stars are illustrated. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.</td>
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<td>خلل الضامع</td>
<td>The male hyena: <em>ι</em> Draconis. One of two alternative names given in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine for the star usually named <em>al-dhīkh</em> (the manlike hyena). It is otherwise unattested as a star-name.</td>
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<td>فائص (?):</td>
<td>The Moon. The name is given as a 1.8 Greek (<em>bi-l-rūmiyah</em>) name for the Moon and is otherwise unattested in Arabic sources. It is written in the early copy A as <em>fā'īqus</em>, while the later two copies have <em>qā'īs</em>. The word <em>fā'īqus</em> is a reasonable transliteration of the Greek <em>φαῖς</em>, which was a synonym for the adjective λαμπρός, meaning 'bright, radiant' and commonly applied to the stars and the Sun; its specific application to the Moon has not been documented elsewhere. A similar name, <em>fayqus</em>، was given by al-Qummī as a Greek name for the Moon. The usual Greek name, however, for the Moon was <em>σελήνη</em>, and indeed al-Bīrūnī gives the Greek name for the Moon as <em>sīlīnus</em>. Sources: Liddell &amp; Scott 1940, 1912 and 1028; Qummī 1997, 189.</td>
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<td>The victor: The planet Jupiter. Al-fāʾiz is given as an Indian (bi-l-hindiyah) name for the planet. Al-Bīrūnī, in similar lists of names, gives the Sanskrit as b-r-h-s-f-t-y in his Chronology of Ancient Nations and in his astrological manual as f-b-s-t-w-a-r (written without diacritics and transcribed by the editor as brihaspat wār). These are equivalent, more or less, to the Sanskrit vṛhaspati and Hindi vṛhaspativār (व्रहस्पतिवार). Sources: Bīrūnī 1878, 192; Bīrūnī 1879, 172; and Bīrūnī 1934, 165.</td>
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<td>al-fakkah</td>
<td>الفَكْحَة</td>
<td>al-fakkah: αβθπγδει Coronae Borealis. The Bedouin name for the ring of eight stars forming the constellation Corona Borealis. The meaning of the name is puzzling, one explanation being that al-fakkah comes from a root meaning 'to break', and that the name might refer to a space or gap between the two northernmost stars in the ring (πι Corona Borealis). Sources: Kunitzsch 1974, 176; Kunitzsch 1961, 55–6 no. 85; Savage-Smith 1985, 142.</td>
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<td>al-fakkah al-shaʾmiyah</td>
<td>الفَكْحَةُ الْشَّمْسِيَّة</td>
<td>The northern al-fakkah: An alternative name for al-fakkah. In Chapter Nine, it is stated that al-fakkah al-shaʾmiyah 'is a group of stars in the form of a circle of which a part is missing, also known as qaṣʿat al-masākīn (the dish of the poor)'. In the diagram that accompanies the text, the star-group is illustrated with nine rather than the usual eight stars associated with the asterism.</td>
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<td>fam al-ḥūt</td>
<td>الفَمُّ الْحُوتِ</td>
<td>[1] The mouth of the fish: α Piscis Australis (Fomalhaut), the eighteenth brightest star. (Aquarius) Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 164–5 no. 101; Savage-Smith 1985, 183.</td>
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<td>[2] The mouth of the fish: Unidentified. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXVIII in Chapter Nine, it is stated that this star is near al-safīnah 'the ship', but that cannot be the Ptolemaic constellation of Argo, which is far distant. A different image of a ship must be intended.</td>
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<td>fam al-ḥūt al-janūbī</td>
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<td>[1] The vertebrae: $\epsilon\mu^{1,2}\zeta\eta\nu$ Scorpionis. 1.9 (XIX)</td>
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<td>The name was applied to the stars forming the tail of the Ptolemaic constellation of Scorpio (excluding the two at the tip of the tail which usually constituted Lunar Mansion XIX). In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XIX, they are illustrated by a half-circle of six stars, while the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 18a, has a semi-circle of eight stars with the label written without any diacritical dots. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 59 no. 99; Kunitzsch 1983, 48 no. 99b.</td>
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<td>[2] The vertebrae [of al-jawzāʾ]: $\delta\epsilon\zeta$ Orionis. The ‘vertebrae’ was the traditional name for the famous asterism of the Belt of Orion, referring to the anatomy of the very large giant named al-jawzāʾ that was larger than the Ptolemaic constellation of Orion. It is illustrated as three stars in Chapter Nine in connection with Lunar Mansion VI, as also in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 56 no. 88; Kunitzsch 1983, 47 no. 88; Savage-Smith 1985, 191.</td>
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<td>al-faqarāt</td>
<td>الفقارات</td>
<td>The vertebrae: Unidentified, possibly stars in Ursa Major. The word al-faqarāt is attested as a star-name, but one that refers to stars in Scorpio or in Orion. It is given in MS CB, fol. 12a, as an equivalent name for a star-group called in copy A of the Book of Curiosities al-qafazāt or al-baqarāt in an illustration for Lunar Mansion X. The latter refers to twin stars in each of the three prominently depicted feet of Ursa Major that were identified as representing the leaps of the gazelle in the Bedouin constellation ($\chi, \lambda, \nu$ Ursa Majoris).</td>
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<td>al-faras</td>
<td>الفرس</td>
<td>The horse: Unidentified. In Chapter Five it is illustrated as a single star. The name al-faras as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. The three later copies (D, B, M) write the name as al-quds (the sanctuary); the latter name is also the standard name for Jerusalem, but such a name in either sense is undocumented as a star-name. Two horses, al-farasān, are mentioned in one anwāʾ-source in connection with two stars called al-khayl (horses) said to be beneath the tail of the scorpion. See also al-mahras al-shamālī. Source: For al-farasān, Kunitzsch 1983, 67 no. N6.</td>
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<td>الفرسان</td>
<td>The two horses: Unidentified. Named as a 1.9 (XV) pair of luminous stars rising to the south of Lunar Mansion XV (<em>al-ghafīr</em>), the stars are probably in the northern part of the constellation of Centaurus, but precise identification is uncertain. On a related diagram in MS CB, fol. 16a, the word is written as <em>al-larasān</em> and illustrated with four stars. In the <em>anwā‘</em>-treatise by ʿAlīmad ibn Fāris the word is written as <em>al-farīsān</em>. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 67, no. N6; for <em>al-farīsān</em>, Forcada 2000, 194.</td>
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<td>al-faras al-awwal</td>
<td>الفرس الأول</td>
<td>The first horse: Equuleus. The name used in the al-Ḥajjāj translation of the <em>Almagest</em> for the Ptolemaic constellation of Equuleus, 'The first horse'. It was conceived as having the form of a head of a horse and can be seen in the sky immediately above the Dolphin (Delphinus). It was called the 'first horse', because the larger form of a horse that makes up the constellation of Pegasus was designated the 'second horse'. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 186–87.</td>
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<td>al-faras al-thānī</td>
<td>الفرس الثاني</td>
<td>The second horse: Pegasus. The Arabic 1.3 name used in the al-Ḥajjāj translation of the <em>Almagest</em> for the Ptolemaic constellation of Pegasus was <em>al-faras al-thānī</em>, the second horse. The 'first' horse is the small constellation of Equuleus, which is only the head of a horse. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 187.</td>
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<td>al-fard</td>
<td>الفرد</td>
<td>The solitary one: α <em>Hydrae</em> (Alphard). ‘ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that the star was 126 called the solitary one 'because of its seclusion from stars of similar quality [magnitude] and its turning toward the South.' He also said that an alternative name for the star was <em>ʿunq al-shujā‘</em> (the neck of the serpent). The name <em>al-fard</em> occurs twice in Chapter Five, once (no. 069) illustrated with a solitary star and once (no. 126) illustrated with a ring of nine stars, though in the latter instance the star-name is erroneously written as <em>al-qird</em> (the tick). In Chapter Nine (Lunar Mansion X) it is illustrated as a single star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 57 no. 90; Savage-Smith 1985, 203.</td>
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<td>al-fāris</td>
<td>الفارس</td>
<td>The rider, or horseman, cavalier: A name of a comet said to have been described by Ptolemy. The comet is also described, but not illustrated, by Ibn Hibintā. The name corresponds to the name ἱππίας (horseman) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The name <em>al-fāris</em> occurs also as a comet-name in</td>
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The posterior spout: Lunar Mansion XXVII; 1.1 (diagr. 1) 
\( \gamma \) Andromedae + \( \alpha \) Andromedae [or \( \beta \) Pegasi]. The name refers to the leather bucket envisaged by the Bedouins in the area of Pegasus, with the two hindmost (eastern) stars constituting the posterior spout of the bucket (\( \gamma \) and \( \alpha \) Andromedae, the latter star shared with Pegasus as \( \beta \) Pegasi). The name of the lunar mansion was occasionally shortened to simply \( \text{al-mu'akhkhar} \), as in Chapter Two and in the diagram opening Chapter One.
Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 57 nos. 93a and 93b; Savage-Smith 1985, 132.

The anterior spout: a\$ Pegasi. The Bedouins envisaged a leather bucket in the area of Pegasus, with the bucket formed by the four bright stars making up the modern asterism called the Great Square of Pegasus. The two foremost (western) stars constituted the anterior spout of the bucket (a\$ Pegasi). In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXIV in Chapter Nine, it states that its northernmost star (\( \beta \) Pegasi, a red-giant star also called Scheat) forms the 'ayyuq-star for Lunar Mansion XXIV, while in the accompanying diagram it is given the name \( \text{muqaddam al-dalw} \) and shown as one star.
Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 57 no. 92b; Savage-Smith 1985, 131–2.

The prey (?) of the lion: Unidentified. The name is written as \( f-r-t-h \) al-asad and is possibly an error for \( f-r-i-s-a-t \) al-asad. In Chapter Five it is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the tenth row of northern star-names; no stars are illustrated. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.
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<td>The aperture: Uncertain identity. It may be a variant spelling of <em>al-qurḥah</em> (an abscess or boil), which is a star in the constellation Cepheus (ξ <em>Cephei</em>?). The spelling as <em>al-farjah</em> is recorded in at least one copy of an <em>anwāʾ</em>-treatise. The spelling given in copy A, <em>al-farkhah</em> (hen), is otherwise unrecorded. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 95 no. 233; Kunitzsch 1983 no. 233 and also index; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 149.</td>
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<td>The hen: The identity of this star is uncertain, and it is otherwise unrecorded. It may be a variant spelling of <em>al-qurḥah</em> (an abscess or boil), which is a star in the constellation Cepheus (ξ <em>Cephei</em>?). Sources: For <em>al-qurḥah</em>, Kunitzsch 1961, 95 no. 233; Kunitzsch 1983 no. 233 and also index; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 149.</td>
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<td>al-farqadān</td>
<td>ﻣﺮﺟدﺎن</td>
<td>The two calves: βγ <em>Ursae Minoris</em>. In the constellation of Ursa Minor, two calves were envisioned as being at one end of a rod or beam attached to a millstone that rotated about the north celestial Pole. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 58 no. 96; Savage-Smith, 1985, 136.</td>
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<td>faʾs al-quṭb</td>
<td>ﻓﺎﺳ ﺔﺟب</td>
<td>The axis of the pole: Flam. 5 in Ursa Minor. The constellation of Ursa Minor consisted of seven formed stars and one unformed star (that is, one outside the outlines of the constellation). This unformed star was said by Ibn Qutaybah to represent 'the axis of the pole', while others such as 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said it resembled 'the axis of a millstone' (<em>faʾs al-raḥā</em>) that had in its centre the north pole. According to the description given in Chapter Five, it lies between the 'daughters of the bier' in Ursa Minor (three stars in the tail, εδα <em>Ursa Minoris</em>), the 'two calves' (two stars in the square, βγ <em>Ursae Minoris</em>), and the 'little goat', which is Polaris (and is also one of the 'daughters of the bier'). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 589 no. 97a–c; Savage-Smith, 1985, 134.</td>
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<td>al-fawāris</td>
<td>ﻣﻮارﺳ</td>
<td>The horsemen: δγε <em>Cygni</em> (?). The 'horsemen' envisioned in the area of the constellation Cygnus were usually considered to be four stars across the upper edge of the bird's wing (δγεζ <em>Cygni</em>). However, there are some <em>anwāʾ</em>-sources that identify it with three rather than four stars. It is evident that our author interprets it as three stars only (probably δγε <em>Cygni</em>), for in Chapter Five it is illustrated with three stars arranged in a triangular formation, and the text in the lower</td>
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<td>gāv</td>
<td>اَوْاَوٌ</td>
<td>A bull, a bullock: Taurus. The Persian name for the zodiacal constellation and sign of Taurus. Source: Steingass 1892, 1072–73.</td>
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<td>al-ghāfiṣ</td>
<td>الغافصٌ</td>
<td>A sudden calamity or event: A possible reading of a so-called ‘Persian’ name for β Geminorum (Pollux). It is otherwise unattested as a star-name. The name can also be read as a-l-gh-a-f-ḍ. Source: For al-ghāfiṣ, Lane 1863, 2275.</td>
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<td>The two hedgehogs: Unidentified. It is illustrated with a pair of stars and said to be below Lunar Mansion XXIV (βξ Aquarii). The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The later copies (D, B, M) write the name as al-ghanājāt (amorous gestures ?), but interpreting the name as two hedge-hogs is in keeping with the predilection for assigning animal names to star-groups. Sources: For ghanajah meaning ‘hedgehog’, Hava 1964, 537, and Lane 1863, 2300.</td>
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<td>الغَمْ</td>
<td>Sheep or goats: Uncertain identity. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfî said that al-ghanam was the flock tended by the shepherd pictured in the area of the constellation Serpentarius, where the large star α Ophiuchi bore the Bedouin name al-rāʿī (the shepherd). Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 43 no. 4, 49–50 no. 113, 96–97 G30.</td>
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<td>نول</td>
<td>The demon: The constellation Boötes. In Chapter Three, in the main entry for Boötes, all copies give it the name al-ghūl, rather than al-ʿawwāʾ (the common Arabic name for Boötes), though in the preceding entry (for Cepheus) it is referred to with the name al-ʿawwāʾ as well as an the additional name Būqṭis, reflecting the Greek name. The use of al-ghūl for Boötes is also found in the star catalogue compiled by al-Battānī, where the phrase al-ghūl ḥāris al-shamāl wa-huwa al-baqqār (the demon, guardian of the north—that is, the cattle herder) is employed. Source: Kunitzsch, 1974, 175.</td>
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<td>حيل</td>
<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for α Scorpionis (Antares). The name is otherwise unattested. The 'Persian' name, though not clearly written, could be read as the Arabic word al-ḥummayāt, meaning fevers.</td>
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<td>ḥ-s-k-n-h</td>
<td>حسكة</td>
<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for θ Eridani, a double star today called Acamar. The name ḥ-s-k-n-h is somewhat similar to the name ḥ-s-d applied in similar lists of Hermetic stars to α Virginis. Source: Kunitzsch 2001, 34.</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] Unidentified. The name of this star-group, or comet, is otherwise unrecorded. The name is an alternative spelling to hawwās (night-walker). It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah’ for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for α Andromedae. The Persian star-name ḥ-x-a-d-l is otherwise unattested. The second consonant is undotted, and could be read as a ‘y’, ‘n’, ‘b’, or ‘t’.</td>
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<td>The snares: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated in Chapter Five with four stars arranged in a square. No further information is given in the lower cell.</td>
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<td>The Ethiopian: A name given one of the eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. In the early copy A the name is written without diacritics, though later copies D and M clearly write it as al-ḥabashī, with copy B writing al-hashā. The comet-name occurs also in Ibn Hibintā, where the name may read al-hashayn rather than al-ḥabashī. The name as written in copy A could also be</td>
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<td>The partridge: An unidentified bābāniyah star whose longitude was said in Chapter Two to be in the hours of Aquarius. The name could be read as al-ḥajl, meaning anklet.</td>
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<td>The rock: Unidentified star. The word is written in Chapter Five without dots and illustrated with a single star said to be ‘below the pole’. The star-name is otherwise unrecorded in the literature. The word could also be read as al-jaḥd (the denial), though that also is an unrecorded star-name. Perhaps the word is simply an error for al-judayy, the pole star (Polaris).</td>
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<td>The carpet: Unidentified. The name of a star-group or comet/meteor consisting of two stars near al-kaff al-khaḍīb (βαγδε Cassiopeiae). The name is said to be one used by Ptolemy. The text states that it was called by Hermes al-kalbayn, while its ordinary name was al-khaṣm. All three names are unrecorded in published literature. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-hirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>The guardian: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. Al-ḥāmī can also mean a stallion-camel that refuses to be ridden. This name is given in the later copies (D, M) as an alternative to the name as it occurs in copy A, al-muḥāmī (the defender). Neither form of the name is documented as a star-name. Source: For meaning of al-ḥāmī, Lane 1863, 652.</td>
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<td>ḥāmil al-raʾs</td>
<td>The bearer of the head: Perseus. The common Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Perseus. The figure of Perseus is usually depicted holding by the hair a bearded and mustachioed head of a male demon, while in his hand raised overhead he wields a sword. It is usually specified that the head carried by the figure is that of an ogre (al-ghūl). Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 180–81.</td>
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<td>ḥāmil al-sabʿ</td>
<td>حامل السبع</td>
<td>The carrier of the wild beast: Lupus. The constellation of Lupus was usually called in Arabic al-sabʿ (the wild beast) referring to the animal that was carried by the centaur (Centaurus). The animal called al-sabʿ was thought to be a cross between a wolf and a hyena and hence not an edible animal. In the diagram opening Chapter One, the name ḥāmil al-sabʿ is used. In the Bedouin tradition, the constellations of the Centaur and the Wild Beast were viewed together as one, and the title given on that diagram might reflect this older tradition, even though the Centaur is also given a separate entry. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 202–3.</td>
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<td>al-hanʿah</td>
<td>الهنعة</td>
<td>[the mark (branded on a camel's neck)]: Lunar Mansion VI; γξ Geminorum or γξημν Geminorum. Some authors identified this Lunar mansion with two stars in the constellation Gemini; γ Geminorum, whose modern name is Alena from the name of this Lunar mansion, and ξ Geminorum. Others said that the three stars in front of these two were also to be included—that is, that the Lunar mansion consisted of five stars: γξημν Geminorum. In Chapter Nine it is stated that al-taḥīyah is an alternative name for Lunar Mansion VI. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 64, no. 114.</td>
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<td>al-ḥanāʾit (?)</td>
<td>الخنایت</td>
<td>[uncertain meaning]: Unidentified. It is illustrated as four stars in a diamond formation. Copy A reads al-ḥanāyit, whose meaning is unclear and which is not recorded as a star-name. The name can also be interpreted as al-khabāʾith (the noxious ones), also unattested as a star-name. The later copies have yet different readings of the name: D has al-khāʾib (the unsuccessful), B has al-nāʾib (the old she-camel), and M has al-ḥalab (milk), written out any dots and hence open to other readings. None of these are attested star-names.</td>
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<td>al-haqʿah</td>
<td>البقعة</td>
<td>A tuft of hair; a branding mark; a distinguishing mark on a horse: Lunar Mansion V; λφ1φ2 Orionis. Most authors said that this lunar mansion was composed of three small stars next to one another like a small triangle in the constellation of Orion. In Chapter Nine it is said that that al-minsār (= al-maysān) is an alternative name for Lunar Mansion V, as well as raʾs al-jawzāʾ. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 64 no. 115a; Savage-Smith 1985, 124</td>
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<td>al-ḥarbah</td>
<td>هربة</td>
<td>The lance, or spear: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. The name corresponds to the name ξιφίας (sword-shaped) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The name al-ḥarbah occurs as a comet-name in later Arabic/Persian sources, and there are comparable comet-names (ascone/aschone/azcona) in early Latin treatises. Ibn Hibintā calls this tailed star al-nayzak rather than al-ḥarbah. Sources: For later uses of name, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 8 in list; for late-antique equivalents, Tannery 1920, 4:356 and Pl. II; for Latin versions, Thorndike 1950, 24–25, 42, 93, 124, and 163; see Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:362 and 2: 141.</td>
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<td>ḥāris al-shamāl</td>
<td>شمال</td>
<td>The sentinel of the north: α Bootis (Arc- turus). A name given by ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī as an alternative name for the star Arcturus (α Bootis). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 67 no. 121a.</td>
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<td>al-harrārān</td>
<td>هراران</td>
<td>The two wimpering dogs: [α Lyrae and α Scorpio nis. Both Ibn Qutaybah and Aḥmad ibn Muhammad al-Yahṣābi al-Quṭubī in their treatises on anwāʿ define al-harrārān as the two stars al-nasr al-wāqiʿ (α Lyrae) and al-qalb (α Scorpi nis) and repeat the association with the onset of cold weather. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVIII in Chapter Nine, the two stars al-harrārān are illustrated at the lefthand (north) side of the diagram, but this is slightly incongruous since in the middle of the same diagram the star al-qalb is illustrated for a second time on its own (or rather with two nearby stars in Lyra). If indeed al-harrārān includes the star al-qalb, then that star is illustrated in two different positions on this celestial map. In other treatises the name al-harrārān is occasionally incorrectly written as al-harrāzān, as it is in the paragraph accompanying the diagram of Lunar Mansion XVIII (though in the diagram itself the name is clearly written as al-harrārān). Sources: Qaddūrī 2005, 92; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 70; Kunitzsch 1961, 65 no. 116; Kunitzsch 1973, 49, no. 116.</td>
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<td>al-ḥaṣāṣ</td>
<td>أصاص</td>
<td>Obscure identification. In several sources (including Chapter Five) this name is written without dots, as al-ḥaṣāṣ. XXVIII) It is probably intended to be the star-name al-khaṣāṣ (the gap). The latter appears to refer to one star in the Bedouin image of a</td>
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<td>woman (named al-thurayyā) whose hand of her right arm was visualised as spreading out towards Cassiopeia. Ahmad ibn Fāris in his anwāʾ-treatise stated that al-khaṣāṣ is a bright star rising in the north with Lunar Mansion I, and he equated it with zand al-thurayyā (the forearm of al-thurayyā). In Chapter Nine, however, it is stated that 'the gap (al-khaṣāṣ)' is one of the stars in the constellation Triangulum, probably $\beta$ Trianguli. Sources: Forcada 2000, 192; Kunitzsch 1983, 68–70 no. Nio.</td>
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<td>al-ḥashá, or, al-ḥashayn</td>
<td>قسن</td>
<td>Shortness of breath, or, the interior: An alternative spelling of a name given one of the eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. Copy B writes the name as al-ḥashá where the early copy A and later copies D and M have al-ḥabashī (though A is written without diacritics). The comet-name occurs also in Ibn Hibintā, where the name may read al-ḥashayn rather than al-ḥabashī. Source: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1363 and 2342.</td>
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<td>al-ḥāṣib</td>
<td>The thrower of stones [referring to wind]: Unidentified. The name al-ḥāṣib is not recorded in the published literature as a star-name. The name is clearly written in all copies as al-ḥāṣib and illustrated with two stars. In copy A, it is stated to be below al-sullam, a group of stars below the Southern Fish (Piscis Austrinus), though the later copies say it is below ṭiyām (?) or ṭulm (a board on which bread is rested while rising), neither of which are recorded star-names. Various authors of anwāʾ-treatises refer to a single star near Lunar Mansion XXIV ($\beta$ξ Aquarii and c¹ Capricorni) as named al-ḥāṭib (the collector of wood) or al-khāṭib (the betrothed), and in one instance writing it as al-khāḍib (the dyer). It is likely that the name al-ḥāṣib is yet another variant spelling of the same star-name, though in Chapter Five it is here illustrated with a pair of stars instead of only one. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 70–1 no. N11.</td>
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<td>al-ḥāṭib (?)</td>
<td>The collector of wood: $\epsilon$ Pegasi (?). The reading and identification of this star-name is problematic. In Chapter Nine it is written without any diacritical dots. A dot could be added, however, to produce al-khāṭib (the betrothed), which is given by the anwāʾ-writer Ahmad ibn Muḥammad al-Yahṣabī al-Qurṭubi as a star that rises to</td>
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### Glossary of Star-Names

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<td>al-hattāk</td>
<td>The ripper: Unidentified. The name of this star-group, or comet, is otherwise unrecorded. It is illustrated by a single large star surrounded by six smaller stars (or in copy M by seven smaller stars). Its path is said to follow that of al-shī’rā al-sha’īiyah (Procyon), or according to the later copies al-shī’rā al-yamānīyah (Sirius), and to traverse its orbit every 100 years. The name al-hattāk is said to have originated with Hermes. It is also known as al-qā’im, and is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-hirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
<td>the north of Lunar Mansion XXIV; for Lunar Mansion XXIII the same author states that the star rising to the north is al-khāṣif (the repairer of shoes and baskets). The undotted form is also found in other anwā’-texts. It is clearly a single bright star, and might refer to the bright star in Pegasus to the north of the region of Lunar Mansion XXIV (also in Aquarius)—that is, ε Pegasi. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXIII in Chapter Nine it is represented by a single star, as also on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 22a, where the name is clearly written as al-hāṭib. Sources: Qaddūrī 2005, 93; see Kunitzsch 1983, 70–1 no. N11</td>
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<td>See al-hawr.</td>
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<td>al-ḥawd</td>
<td>The pond, or watering trough: Uncertain identification. Ibn Qutaybah said there was a ‘pond’ (al-ḥawd) indicated by a ring of stars to the right of qaфazāt al-ṣībā’ (the leaps of the gazelles) in the Great Bear. ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī identified these with ṣuqafef Ursae Majoris. However, in Chapter Five it is illustrated with only a single star. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 67 no. 122.</td>
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<td>al-hawdaj</td>
<td>The camel-litter: Unidentified. This is an otherwise unrecorded and unidentified group of stars. A hawdaj is a type of camel-vehicle used particularly by men; it was made with staves and wooden sides and was covered with a dome-like top. It is here represented in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVII in Chapter Nine by 17 stars arranged in a filled triangle. There is no comparable star-group in the diagram in MS CB fol. 26a. Source: For hawdaj, Lane 1863, 2885.</td>
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<td>al-ḥawr</td>
<td>ألحور</td>
<td>The black-eyed beauty; black-eyed woman: ε Ursae Majoris (Alioth, the first star in the tail of the Great Bear. The word means a woman (or female animal) with deep-black eyes contrasting markedly with the white of the eye. In Chapter Five, the name is written as al-ḥawr and in Chapter Nine as al-ḥawrā’. The name in other sources is often written al-jawn (the black horse), and there are many other variants. The name might also be read as al-ḥawar (the bull). Sources: Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 148 note 1; Lane 1863, 666; Kunitzsch 1961, 62 no. 106; Kunitzsch 1983, 48 no. 106; Savage-Smith, 1985, 136.</td>
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<td>ḥāwwā</td>
<td>ألحوا</td>
<td>The serpent charmer: Serpentarius/Ophiuchus. A common alternative name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Serpentarius or Ophiuchus. In Chapter Five it is (erroneously) given as a star-group illustrated with a pair of stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1974, 183; Savage-Smith 1985, 153.</td>
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<td>ḥawwās</td>
<td>ألحواس</td>
<td>Night-walker: Unidentified. The name of this star-group, or comet, is otherwise unrecorded. The name is written as ḥawwās, without any diacritics, though the three later copies write it as ḥ-w-l-s. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority. Source: For ḥawwās meaning ‘night-walker’, Hava 1964, 149.</td>
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<td>ḥayʿam (?)</td>
<td>جومع ؟</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] Unidentified. The Arabic text is written without diacritical dots; ḥayʿam is meaningless. Given the context of there being another star called a male hyena, the word is probably to be read as jayʿar (meaning a she-hyena). An anonymous anwāʿ-text has a sentence very similar to the one here, and that text states that al-jahm rises together with al-dhīkh (the male hyena) as two stars north of Lunar Mansion XX. The word al-jahm means ‘an ugly or distorted face’ and is also applied to the lion. Sources: For word jayʿar, Lane 1865, 429; for al-jahm, Kunitzsch 1983, 67 no. N7, and Lane 1865, 478.</td>
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<td>al-ḥayy</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. The name as written in Chapter Five has not been found in other recorded sources; it is illustrated with two stars. It possibly is a variation of the star-name al-ḥayyah. Authors of anwāʾ-treatises spoke of stars between the ‘two calves’ (farqadān, βγ Ursae Minoris) and the ‘daughters of the bier’ (banāt naʿsh, εγη Ursae Majoris) as being ‘the serpent’ (al-ḥayyah). 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified these as four stars in the constellation Draco (αξλ Draconis). Only two stars, however, are illustrated in Chapter Five and they are stated to be below Cancer.</td>
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<td>al-ḥayyah</td>
<td>١ The serpent/snake: Serpens. A short (diagr. 1) form of the Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Serpens.</td>
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<td>al-ḥayyah</td>
<td>٢ The serpent: αξλ. Draconis. Authors of anwāʾ-treatises spoke of stars called ‘the serpent’ (al-ḥayyah) between the ‘two calves’ (farqadān; βγ Ursae Minoris) and the ‘daughters of the bier’ (banāt naʿsh, εγη Ursae Majoris). 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified these as four stars in the constellation Draco. Seven stars, however, are illustrated in Chapter Five, arranged in a snake-like fashion. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 68 no. 123.</td>
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<td>ḥayyat al-ḥawwā</td>
<td>The snake-charmer’s snake: Serpens. The full Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Serpens.</td>
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<td>al-ḥibāl (?)</td>
<td>The ropes: Unidentified. The name is written in Chapter Five without diacritical dots. The name could also be read as al-jibāl (the mountains) and al-khayāl (the apparition), all of them otherwise undocumented as star-names. It is illustrated with two stars, but no further information is provided. It has not been found in other recorded sources.</td>
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<td>ḥimār khalf al-suʿūd</td>
<td>A donkey behind al-suʿūd: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is here illustrated with a single star. The name al-suʿūd may refer to all the saʿd-asterisms—that is, ten pairs of stars associated with various omens. The name might also refer to one specific saʿd-asterism, namely the two stars in Aquarius and one in Capricorn (βξ Aquarii and cι Capricorni) that together form Lunar Mansion XXIV, usually called saʿd al-suʿūd. Source: For the saʿd-asterisms, Kunitzsch 1961, 100–3 no. 257.</td>
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<td>al-ḥimārān</td>
<td>حاران</td>
<td>The two donkeys: This star-name does not appear to occur in the <em>anwā‘</em>-literature, but Ptolemy (following an earlier Greek tradition) called the two stars either side of the open star cluster (M44) in Cancer by a Greek name meaning ‘asses’. ’Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī for these two stars (γδ <em>Cancri</em>) used the term <em>al-ḥimārāyin</em> ‘the two donkeys’. In the slightly later navigational literature as recorded by Ibn Mājid, the star-name <em>al-ḥimārān</em> was used for two quite different stars: αβ <em>Centauri</em>. Sources: ’Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 173; Kunitzsch 1961, 68 no. 124; TiBBetts 1971, 547.</td>
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<td>al-hishār</td>
<td>حشأر</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] Unidentified. It is illustrated as four stars in an arc. The name has not been found in the recorded sources. The name <em>al-hishār</em> is an unusual form from the root ḥ-sh-r meaning to collect or congregate. A common early Arabic word for any small animal that creeps and crawls, including rats and lizards, is <em>ḥasharah</em>, and it is possible that the form given here is intended as a variant with a similar meaning. Later copies (D, M) write the name as <em>al-ḥasār</em> or <em>al-ḥisār</em>, without any dots; its meaning is equally obscure and it also is not found in recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-hulbah</td>
<td>هلعب</td>
<td>The coarse hair: <em>Coma Berenices</em> (Berenice's Hair), in the tail of the constellation Leo. The asterism was identified and named by the court astronomer to the ruler Ptolemy III Euergetes in Alexandria. He named it in honour of Ptolemy III's consort Berenice, who had vowed to dedicate a lock of her hair in a temple if her husband returned victorious from the Third Syrian War, which began in 246 BC. Ptolemy III did return, and the court astronomer preferred to place the lock of hair in the skies. The astronomer Ptolemy refers to it only as a lock of hair, not mentioning Berenice. In the Arab Bedouin tradition the asterism was called <em>al-hulbah</em>, also meaning 'hair.' Curiously, however, the asterism in Chapter Five is indicated only by a single star. The manner in which the name is written in the table in Chapter Five is similar to that in some manuscript copies of the <em>anwā‘</em>-treatise by Aḥmad ibn Fāris. In the illustration of Lunar Mansion XIII in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated with thirteen stars arranged in three irregular rows, while in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 14a, it is illustrated by ten stars in two unequal rows. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 65, 117a; Kunitzsch 1983, 49 no. 177a; Savage-Smith 1985, 172.</td>
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<td>al-hurrān</td>
<td>مرن</td>
<td>The two young animals: ζ Draconis. 1.5 no. 012&lt;br&gt;Al-hurrān is an alternative name for al-diḥbān (the two wolves), both applying to the same two stars in the constellation of Draco. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 68 no. 125; Ibn Qutaybah 1965, 148.</td>
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<td>al-ḥūt</td>
<td>ملوت</td>
<td>The fish: The traditional Arabic name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Pisces. 1.1 (diagr. 1)&lt;br&gt;Al-ḥūt is an alternative name for al-dhiʾbān (the two wolves), both applying to the same two stars in the constellation of Draco. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 68 no. 125; Ibn Qutaybah 1965, 148.</td>
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<td>al-ibil</td>
<td>الإبل</td>
<td>The camels: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. 1.5 nos. 150, 187&lt;br&gt;At its first mention in Chapter Five (no. 150) it is illustrated with three stars in a straight line and stated to be below ‘the ladder’ (al-sullam), a group of stars below the Southern Fish (Piscis Austrinus). At the second mention in Chapter Five (no. 187) it is illustrated with only four stars in a row.</td>
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<td>ibruḥis</td>
<td>ἰβρυρης, water-pourer: Aquarius. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation (Aquarius). The early copy A has unvocalised ibruḥis, while later copies D and M have fully vocalized abrajīs, and copy C has l-y-a-m-a. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 193.</td>
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<td>[1] The crown, or wreath: The constellation Corona Australis, more frequently given the full name of al-iklīl al-Janūbi. Sources:</td>
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<td>[3] The crown: Lunar Mansion XVII. The traditions are not consistent with regard to this lunar mansion, with as many as five different interpretations given: (1) three stars in Libra (in the bar supporting the scales of Libra), two of which are usually identified today with the stars θκ Librae with one unidentified; (2) three stars in a row in the constellation of Scorpio (βς Scorpionis); (3) three</td>
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<td>The southern crown, or wreath: The standard designation of the Ptolemaic constellation of Corona Australis, rendering the Greek Στέφανος νότιος. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 203.</td>
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<td>The northern crown, or wreath: The Arabic name for the Ptolemaic northern constellation of Corona Borealis, translating the Greek Στέφανος βόρειος. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 176.</td>
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<td>The northern crown, or wreath: A variant form of the Arabic name for the Ptolemaic northern constellation of Corona Borealis. The common traditional Arabic name for the constellation was al-fakkah, whose meaning is obscure. The author of the table in Chapter Four equates al-iklīl al-shaʿmī with nayyir al-fakkah (the brilliant star of al-fakkah), referring to the brightest and largest star of the constellation, α Coronae Borealis, today known as Alphecca. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVII in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated with seven stars in a V-formation. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 55–6 no. 85; Savage-Smith 1985, 142.</td>
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<td>ikhthis (?)</td>
<td>Yieīs</td>
<td>ἰχθύες, fishes: The Greek name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Pisces. In copy A, the word is written with only one diaritical dot; one interpretation of it would be i-y-kh-y-s, which could be vocalised as ikhthis, a fair approximation to the Greek. The later copy D vocalises fully a totally different word limānīs, and the same word appears in copies B and M but with less vocalisation. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 193–94.</td>
<td>1.2 (Pisces)</td>
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<td>ʿīlīyūs</td>
<td>Helios</td>
<td>Ἡλίως: The Sun. The Greek name (bi-l-rūmiyah) transliterated here as ʿīlīyūs is the equivalent of the Greek Ἡλίως (Helios), the Greek deity name given to the Sun. The same Greek (rūmiyah) name of ʿīlīyūs is assigned to this planet by al-Bīrūnī and al-Qummi. Sources: Birûnî 1878, 192; Qummi 1997, 189.</td>
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<td>inqīḍāḍ al-kawākib</td>
<td>انتقاض الكرك</td>
<td>A storm of stars: A general term for meteor showers.</td>
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<td>al-ʿirānā (?)</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. Apparently two of the stars forming the asterism of Coma Berenices. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The name could also be read as al-farānā.</td>
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<td>جريان</td>
<td>Unidentified. One of the eleven stars (in addition to the Sun and Moon) said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph. The reading j-r-y-a-n is confirmed by Ibn Kathir 1987, 2:485, and Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76); the variant kh-r-t-a-n is given by Dhahabī 1963, 1:572.</td>
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<td>al-jabbār</td>
<td>الجبار</td>
<td>The giant: The standard Arabic name for the classical southern constellation of Orion.</td>
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<td>al-jābiyah</td>
<td>الجابية</td>
<td>The pool or basin of water: One of eleven comets associated with the name of Ptolemy. The name al-jābiyah is a possible interpretation of the name al-khābiyah, the latter being the form in which it appears in all copies of the Book of Curiosities. If the name were read as al-jābiyah, it might equate to a Latin comet-name gebea, or gebia, though the Latin texts say that the comet is also known as tenaculum. There is also a category of tailed star known as al-jābiyah, and it is possible that a generic term for comets was applied here to an individual one. There is no comparable discussion in Ibn Hibintā. Sources: For the Latin gebea, Thorndike 1950, 24–25, 44, 93, and 124; for generic category, Kennedy 1980, 163.</td>
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<td>al-jabhah</td>
<td>الجابحة</td>
<td>[1] The forehead [of the lion]: ζγηα Leonis. The Bedouin name for four stars in the constellation Leo. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 61 no. 103b; Savage-Smith 1985, 172.</td>
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<td>al-jabhah</td>
<td>الجابحة</td>
<td>[2] The forehead [of the lion]: Lunar Mansion X; ζγηα Leonis. Four stars compose this lunar mansion, all of them in the constellation Leo. Its name refers to the forehead of the large lion of the Bedouin tradition. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 61, no. 103a; Savage-Smith 1985, 126.</td>
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<td>الجعد</td>
<td>The curly haired: Unidentified. It is said to be 'a solitary star'. The name has not been found in other recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-jady</td>
<td>الجدي</td>
<td>The goat: The Arabic name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Capricorn.</td>
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<td>jady al-suʿūd</td>
<td>جدي السعواد</td>
<td>The goat of <em>al-suʿūd</em>: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star. The name <em>al-suʿūd</em> may refer to all the <em>saʿd</em>-asterisms—that is, ten pairs of stars associated with various omens. The name might also refer to one specific <em>saʿd</em>-asterism, namely the two stars in Aquarius and one in Capricorn (βξ Aquarii and c1 Capricorni) that together form Lunar Mansion XXIV, usually called <em>saʿd al-suʿūd</em>. Source: For the <em>saʿd</em>-asterisms, Kunitzsch 1961, 100–3 nos. 257.1–257.10.</td>
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<td>al-jahd (?)</td>
<td>الجحد</td>
<td>The denial: Unidentified. The star-name is otherwise unrecorded in the literature. The word is written in Chapter Five without dots and illustrated with a single star said to be 'below the pole'. The word could also be read as <em>al-hajar</em> (the rock), though that also is an unrecorded star-name. Perhaps the word is simply an error for <em>al-judayy</em>, the pole star (Polaris).</td>
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<td>jahm</td>
<td>جهم</td>
<td>See ḥayʿam.</td>
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<td>janb al-jadhmāʾ [= al-khaḍīb ?]</td>
<td>جنب الجذاماء</td>
<td>The right side of <em>al-jadhmāʾ</em>: Unidentified. The sequence of star-names in the table given in Chapter Four would suggest that this is intended to be β Persei (Algol), since that star is included in similar lists of Hermetic stars. Moreover, in these other lists β Persei is assigned the same temperament as given for this star in Chapter Four. The word <em>al-jadhmāʾ</em> is a short form of the star-name <em>al-kaff al-jadhmāʾ</em> (the cut-off hand), referring to four stars in Cetus (λαγδνμ Ceti). Since this star-group is far away from Perseus, the word is likely an error for <em>al-khaḍīb</em>, referring to <em>al-kaff al-khaḍīb</em>, the dyed hand, the well-known W-shaped asterism in Cassiopeia (βαγδε Cassiopeiae), just above head of Perseus. The significance of the 'right side' in this context is unclear. The star α Persei is positioned within the constellation of Perseus on his right diaphragm, but it is β Persei, and not α Persei, that is included in similar lists of thirty bright stars. Source: Kunitzsch 2001, 26.</td>
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<td>al-ayman</td>
<td>الأيمن</td>
<td>The frivolous maiden: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. The name is given as an alternative name for the comet also called <em>al-muwarrad</em> (the rosy one) or, in later copies, <em>al-mawrūd</em> (suffering a periodic fever), In a similar text, Ibn Hibintā gives only the name <em>al-jāriyah</em> (the maiden), with no modifying adjective. Source: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1363 and 2141.</td>
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<td>al-jawzā’</td>
<td>[1] [obscure meaning]: Gemini. The traditional Arabic name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Gemini. The name is 1.10 from the root j-w-z meaning ‘to travel’ and reflects a large feminine figure envisioned in this region of the heavens in pre-Islamic Arabic. Occasionally writers employed for Gemini the name al-tawʾamān (the two twins), reflecting the Ptolemaic name for the constellations. Sources: Kunitzsch 1974, 189–90; Kunitzsch 1961, 369; ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 160.</td>
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<td>al-jawzā’</td>
<td>[2] [obscure meaning]: Orion. An alternative name for the constellation of Orion, (Eridanus) reflecting the traditional Bedouin delineation of the skies. In the translation of the Almagest by al-Ḥajjāj, Orion is defined as al-jabbār wa-huwa al-jawzā’ (the giant, that is al-jawzā’). Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 194–6.</td>
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<td>al-jawārī</td>
<td>The servant maidens: δεζ Ω Orionis. The Bedouin term for three stars corresponding to the dagger or sword of the Ptolemaic constellation Orion was al-jawārī, or al-jawāzī, which does not translate easily. In Chapter Five the star-group is represented by three stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 61–2 no. 105; Savage-Smith 1985, 181.</td>
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<td>jayʿar</td>
<td>The female hyena: ι Draconis. One of two 1.9 (XX) alternative names given in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine for the star usually named al-dhīkh (the manlike hyena). It is otherwise unattested as a star-name. The Arabic text reads ḥayʿam, written without dots, which is meaningless. Given the context of another star called a male hyena, it is likely to be read as jayʿar, meaning a she-hyena. An anonymous anwāʾ- text has a sentence very similar to the one given in Chapter Nine, and that text states that al-jahm rises together with al-dhīkh (the male hyena) as two stars north of Lunar Mansion XX. The word al-jahm means ‘an ugly or distorted face’ and is also applied to a lion. Sources: For jayʿar, Lane 1865, 429; for al-jahm, Kunitzsch 1983, 67 no. N7, and Lane 1865, 478.</td>
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<td>al-jibāl (?)</td>
<td>نَبَات</td>
<td>The mountains: Unidentified. The name is written in Chapter Five without diacritical dots, and <em>al-jibāl</em> is one interpretation; it could also be read as <em>al-khayāl</em> (the apparition) and <em>al-ḥibāl</em> (the ropes), all of them otherwise undocumented as star-names. It is illustrated with two stars, but no further information is provided. It has not been found in other recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-judayy</td>
<td>The little goat: α <em>Ursae Minoris</em>, Polaris. The star at the end of the tail of the Lesser Bear (<em>Ursa Minor</em>) is the Pole Star. The name <em>al-judayy</em> is of ancient Arab origin. In one of its occurrences in Chapter Five (no. 221), it is illustrated in all copies with two stars, and consequently its identity in that context is uncertain. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 62–3 no. 107a.</td>
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<td>k-n-a-r (?)</td>
<td>ئَلْحاَر</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] β <em>Persei (?)</em>. A so-called ‘Persian’ name assigned in Chapter Four to what is probably a star in Perseus given the confused name of <em>janb</em> [al-kaff] <em>al-jadhma</em> [ـ al-khādīb  ذ al-ayman]. The sequence of stars suggests that it is referring to β <em>Persei</em>. The name in the Book of Curiosities is written without diacritics; in a similar Hermetic list, the ‘Persian’ name <em>k-n-a-r</em> is given to α <em>Lyrae</em>. Source: Kunitzsch 2001, 34.</td>
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<td>k-r-r-n-sh</td>
<td>ئَلْحَرْنْشَ</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] α <em>Cygni</em> (Deneb). A so-called ‘Persian’ name for the star in Cygnus. The name <em>k-r-r-n-sh</em> as a star-name is unattested. It is possible that the word written here is a corruption of the Persian <em>kūr-namāyish</em>, meaning dark or obscure. Source: Steingass 1892, 1060.</td>
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<td>kabid al-asad</td>
<td>The liver of the lion: The star-name ‘the liver of the lion’ reflects the Bedouin image of a very large lion chasing a gazelle, and not the modern constellation of Leo. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī identifies the ‘liver of the lion’ with one of the two external stars beneath the tail of <em>Ursa Major</em> (Flam. 12, α <em>Canum Venaticorum</em>). In Chapter Five it is illustrated with two stars. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XII in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as a single star which bears two names: <em>kabid al-asad</em> and also <em>al-qārī</em>; the latter was a name for the last star in the tail of <em>Ursa Major</em> (η <em>Ursae Majoris</em>), and the use of both names for the same star suggests that the author or copyist considered them to be the same star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 71–2 no. 135; Kunitzsch 1983, 49 no. 135; Savage-Smith 1985, 136.</td>
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<td>al-kaff al-khadīb</td>
<td>الكف الحضيض</td>
<td>The dyed hand: βαγδε Cassiopeiae. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyā) whose hand of her right arm was visualised as spreading out towards Cassiopeia, with the fingers represented by the well-known W-shaped asterism. It was called 'the dyed hand' because it was considered a hand dyed with henna, a red dye made from Lawsonia inermis L. In Chapter Two it is named as a bābāniyah star-group, although it is not listed as a Hermetic star in Chapter Four. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXVIII in Chapter Nine, it is said to also be called ākhir al-nāqah (the last of the camel). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 72 no. 136b; Savage-Smith 1985 and 147.</td>
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<td>al-kalb</td>
<td>الكب</td>
<td>[1] The dog: Unidentified. A name assigned to two stars of uncertain identification, listed in Chapter Two among the bābāniyah stars whose longitude was in the sign of Gemini. One is said to ascend at twenty-one degrees and thirty minutes, at a northern position, and the other star at twenty-one degrees and thirty minutes, at a southern position. Several stars were called 'the dog', including α Canis Majoris (Sirius) and the two dogs of Aldebaran, υ and χ Tauri, located on Taurus' left ear. The positions assigned these stars in relation to Gemini are puzzling and therefore preclude firm identification.</td>
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<td>al-kalb</td>
<td>الكب</td>
<td>[2] The dog: α Canis Majoris (Sirius). ’Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī said that the brilliant star in the jaw of the larger dog was called simply al-kalb (the dog), following Ptolemy. The star is still today called the dog-star and the days of greatest heat the dog-days. In Chapter Five (no. 146), it is illustrated with a single star and said to be 'below the southern Milky Way'. Elsewhere in Chapter Five (no. 090) the same star was call al-kalb al-akhīr (the hindmost dog). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 73 nos. 139–140.</td>
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<td>The dog: ( \alpha ) Piscis Austrini (Fomalhaut). The name al-kalb is given in Chapter Nine as an alternative to the star-name 'the first frog' (al-difdiʿ al-awwal), which was the traditional Arab name for ( \alpha ) Piscis Austrini. The association of the name al-kalb with this star is not otherwise documented.</td>
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<td>al-kalb al-akbar</td>
<td>The larger dog: ( \alpha ) Canis Majoris (Sirius). In Chapter Four, the name is said to be equivalent to al-shiʿrá al-yamāniyah (the southern shirʿá), from the traditional legend of two Sirii, Sirius the southern shiʿrá in the Larger Dog and Procyon the northern shiʿrá in the Lesser Dog, who were sisters of Canopus (suhayl) who had married the huge giant al-jawzāʾ. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 62–3; Kunitzsch 1961 no. 289b; Savage-Smith 1985, 194–7; Savage-Smith 1992 Table 2.1.</td>
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<td>The hindmost dog: ( \alpha ) Canis Majoris (Sirius). 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that the brilliant star in the jaw of the larger dog was called simply al-kalb (the dog), following Ptolemy. This particular designation, 'the hindmost dog' (al-kalb al-akhīr, is otherwise unrecorded. In Chapter Four it was also called 'the larger dog' (al-kalb al-akbar), and indeed the name given in Chapter Five could be read as al-kalb al-akbar. The star is still today called the dog-star and the days of greatest heat the dog-days.</td>
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<td>al-kalb al-aṣghar</td>
<td>The smaller dog: ( \alpha ) Canis Minoris (Procyon).</td>
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<td>al-kalb al-thānī</td>
<td>The second dog: An unusual term for the southern constellation of Canis Major. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 197–98.</td>
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<td>kalb al-ʿanz</td>
<td>The dog of the goat: Unidentified. This otherwise undocumented star-name appears in the diagram in MS CB fol. 2a that is equivalent to the diagram accompanying the discussion of Lunar Mansion I in Chapter Nine. The diagram in Chapter Nine, has the equivalent star labelled simply al-ʿanz (the goat), which often refers to Capella (( \alpha ) Aurigae), the 6th brightest star in the heavens. The name kalb</td>
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<td>al-ʿanz also occurs in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVI in MS CB, fol. 25a, where it is shown as a single star to the south of the lunar mansion, comprised of stars in Pegasus. In the equivalent diagram in Chapter Nine in copy A, the single star is labelled qāʾid al-ʿanz (the leader of the goat), also an otherwise unattested star-name.</td>
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<td>kalb al-jabbār</td>
<td>The dog of the giant: a Canis Majoris (Sirius). 1.5 no. 120 In Chapter Nine, the text is rather unclear, 1.9 (VII) for on first reading it would appear that 'the dog of the giant' (kalb al-jabbār) applied to the companion star (β Canis Majoris) rather than Sirius. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 73 no. 140.</td>
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<td>al-kalbayn</td>
<td>The two dogs: Unidentified. The name of a star-group or comet/meteor consisting of two stars near al-kaff al-khadih (βαγδεCas-siopeiae). The text states that the star-group was called al-kalbayn by Hermes and al-ḥalas by Ptolemy, while its ordinary name was al-khasm. All three names are unrecorded in published literature. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority. 1.7 no. 6</td>
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<td>kamān</td>
<td>A bow: Sagittarius. A Persian name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Sagittarius. (Sagittarius) Source: Steingass 1892, 1047.</td>
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<td>al-karab</td>
<td>The place where a rope is attached to a bucket: τυ Pegasi. In the constellation of Pegasus, the traditional Bedouin image of a leather bucket is reflected in some of its star-names. In later copies (D, M) this star-name is written as al-ṭarab (the pleasure), which is undocumented as a star-name. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 74 no. 145.</td>
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<td>al-ka’s</td>
<td>[1] A cup, goblet: Crater. The a term used for the constellation Crater in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy's Almagest made by al-Ḥajjāj. The usual name for this constellation was bāṭiyah (a jar) or al-maʿlaf (the manger). It was said to consist of seven stars, while in the diagram opening Chapter One, eight are indicated. In this diagram (preserved only in MS A), the name has been erroneously written as al-kulyatayn (the two kidneys). Sources: Ptolemy 1986, 1998; Kunitzsch 1974, 199.</td>
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<td>al-ka’s</td>
<td>ساَكٍس؟</td>
<td>2 A cup, goblet: Unidentified. A name 1.9 (XIII) given in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XIII in MS CB, fol. 14a, for a star-group named al-tā’ir in copy A of the Book of Curiosities. It is illustrated in Chapter Nine as eight stars in a V-formation. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 14a, it is a V-formation of nine stars. Neither star-name has been found in the recorded literature. The common star-name nasr ṭāʾir (the flying eagle) was used by Bedouins as a name for three stars in the constellation of Aquila (αβγ Aquilae), and the nautical literature records the use of al-kāsir as a synonym for nasr al-wāqiʿ (the falling eagle; αεζ Lyrae), but those are northern stars and at a great distance from Lunar Mansion XIII. Sources: For al-kāsir and nasr al-ṭāʾir, Kunitzsch 1961, 74 no. 146 and 86 no. 194a.</td>
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<td>kāw</td>
<td>لاَكٍس</td>
<td>See gāv.</td>
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<td>al-kawākib (sing. kawkab dhū al-dhuʾābah)</td>
<td>الكوَكَّاَبُ ذوات النَّدمع</td>
<td>Stars possessing wisps of tails: A common 1.6 term for comets and meteors. The term 1.7 reflects the earlier Greek designation of comets as κομη̑̑ται. The word dhuʾābah more generally means a lock of hair, a tuft, or a wisp, or anything which hangs down. Source: EI², art. 'nujūm' (P. Kunitzsch).</td>
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<td>al-kawākab al-bābānīyah</td>
<td>الكوَكَّاَبُ البَابَانِيَّةَ</td>
<td>See bābānīyah.</td>
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<td>al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah</td>
<td>الكوَكَّاَبُ الخفِیَة ذوات الحراب المرسومة</td>
<td>The obscure stars having faint lances: A classification of star-groups, or comets or meteors, not found in other recorded literature. The phrase al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah is more literally rendered as ‘obscure stars with impressed (or lightly-traced) lances’.</td>
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<td>kawākib al-lahab</td>
<td>الكوَكَّاَبُ الْلَّهَب</td>
<td>Stars of the flame: Unidentified. It is illustrated with five stars in two rows. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-kawākib al-mutaḥayyirah</td>
<td>الكوَكَّاَبُ المَتَاحَايِیْرَةَ</td>
<td>The ‘bedazzled’ or erratic stars: The planets. A term designating the five planets visible to the naked eye (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn) to the exclusion of the Sun and Moon, for these five appear at one time to retrograde and at another time to move in direct or forward motion. The adjective al-mutaḥayyirah, from a root meaning to bedazzle and hence confuse, translates the Greek πλάνητες meaning ‘wandering’ or ‘straying’. Sources: EP, art. ‘nujām’ (P. Kunitzsch); Lane 1863, 685; WKAS 1:442.</td>
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<td>kawākib al-safīnah</td>
<td>كواكب السفينة</td>
<td>See al-safīnah [2].</td>
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<td>al-kawākib al-sayyārah</td>
<td>الكلوكаб السارية</td>
<td>All seven planets—that is, the Sun and Moon as well as the five planets visible to the naked eye. Source: <em>EF</em>, art. 'nujūm' (P. Kunitzsch).</td>
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<td>al-kawākib al-ʿulwīyah</td>
<td>الكلوكاب العلوية</td>
<td>The upper planets: A term designating the three planets above the Sun: Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. Sources: <em>WKAS</em> 1.443; <em>EF</em>, art. 'nujūm' (P. Kunitzsch).</td>
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<td>kawkab al-dhanab</td>
<td>الكوكب الذنب</td>
<td>The star of the tail: Unidentified. The name of a star or comet/meteor returning every 107 years. It is stated to have three tails, and it is illustrated in that manner. The name has not been found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-kayd</td>
<td>الكيد</td>
<td>The deception: A famous comet or fictitious star. It received special attention from Ibn Hibintā, who appears to be the first person to mention it. Ibn Hibintā devoted a large sub-chapter to it and said that this tailed star appears every 100 years and travels retrograde, like the lunar nodes, through the zodiac, moving through one sign in twelve years. Ibn Hibintā, however, provides no illustration, as is provide in the <em>Book of Curiosities</em>. There appears to be no late-antique equivalent for this comet-name nor a comparable Latin name. Sources: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:363–365 and 2:143–144; Kennedy 1957, 45; <em>EF</em>, art. 'kayd' (W. Hartner).</td>
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<td>kaywān</td>
<td>كيون</td>
<td>[Saturn]: The common Persian name for the planet Saturn, sometimes written kévān. It is of Babylonian origin. Source: <em>EF</em>, art. 'nujūm' (P. Kunitzsch).</td>
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<td>kayfāṭūs</td>
<td>كيافاتوس</td>
<td>[Venus]: A 'Byzantine' (bi-l-yūnāniyah) name given the planet Venus. The name could be vocalised as kīfāṭūs or kayfāṭūs. It is otherwise unrecorded as a planetary name.</td>
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<td>kazdum</td>
<td>كرسوم</td>
<td>A scorpion: Scorpio. The Persian name of the zodiacal sign and constellation of Scorpio. Scorpio) In the early copy A, the name is incorrectly given to Libra rather than Scorpio, while in entry for Scorpio the name is written above the line. In all copies, the name is written as kazdum rather than kazhdum. Source: Steingass 1892, 1027.</td>
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<td>al-khabāʾith</td>
<td>الخباث بين النجوم</td>
<td>The noxious ones: Unidentified. It is illustrated as four stars in a diamond formation. As a star-name it has not been found in the recorded sources. It is one interpretation of the name as written in copy A, which reads al-ḥanāyit (or al-ḥanāʾit). The later copies have yet different readings of the name: D has al-khāʾib (the unsuccessful), B has al-nāʾib (the old she-camel), and M has al-ḥalab (milk), written out any dots and hence open to other readings. None of these are attested star-names.</td>
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<td>al-khābiyah</td>
<td>الخابية</td>
<td>The cask: One of eleven comets associated with the name of Ptolemy. The comet-name al-khābiyah is not recorded elsewhere and there is no comparable term in the late-antique comet lists. The name is fully dotted in all copies and precisely written as al-khābiyah. If the name were read as al-jābiyah (a pool or basin of water), it might equate to a Latin comet-name gebea, or gebia; see the entry above for al-jābiyah. There is no comparable discussion in Ibn Hibintā.</td>
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<td>al-khafīyah</td>
<td>خفية</td>
<td>Hidden stars: Very obscure stars.</td>
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<td>al-khāʾib</td>
<td>خرچنگ</td>
<td>A crab: Cancer The Persian name of the zodiacal constellation and constellation of Cancer. In the Arabic, it is written as kharshank shār. Sources: Steingass 1892, 453; Bīrūnī 1934, 70 sect. 159.</td>
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<td>kharchang</td>
<td>خرچنگ</td>
<td>See al-ḥanāʾit.</td>
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<td>al-khaṣāṣ</td>
<td>الخصاص</td>
<td>See al-ḥaṣāṣ.</td>
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<td>al-khaṣm</td>
<td>الخصم</td>
<td>The adversary: Unidentified. A star-group or comet/meteor consisting of two stars near al-kaff al-khadīb (ζζεε Κεισιοπειας). The name al-khaṣm could also be vocalised as al-khuṣm, meaning the side or extremity of something. The star-group or comet is said to be called by Hermes al-kalbayn and by Ptolemy al-kulas. All three names are unrecorded in published literature. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafiyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsāmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority. Source: For the word al-khaṣm, Lane 1863, 752</td>
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<td>al-khāṭib</td>
<td>خطاب</td>
<td>See al-ḥāṣib and al-ḥāṭib.</td>
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<td>al-khayāl (?)</td>
<td>الحَالْ</td>
<td>The apparition: Unidentified. The name is written in Chapter Five without diacritical dots, and al-khayāl is one interpretation; it could also be read as al-jibāl (the mountains) and al-ḥibāl (the ropes), all of them otherwise undocumented as star-names. It is illustrated with two stars, but no further information is provided. It has not been found in other recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-khayl</td>
<td>الْخَيْل</td>
<td>The horses: Uncertain identification. Ibn Qutaybah says that the star-group called al-khayl consists of stars dispersed ‘under the raised tail of the scorpion (asfal min shawlat al-ʿaqrab)’, that is, under λυ Scorpionis. The same statement of location is made in Chapter Five, where they are illustrated with five stars. This would suggest that the stars are some of those forming the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Ara, which hangs in the sky immediately beneath the tail of Scorpio. In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVII, the ‘foals of the horses’ (afṭāʾ al-khayl) are illustrated with five stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 35 no. 2 and 70 no. 129; Kunitzsch 1983, 43 no. 2.</td>
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<td>al-khibāʾ</td>
<td>الْحَيْبَاء</td>
<td>[1] The tent: Uncertain identity. The stars comprising the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Corvus were called in the anwāʾ-tradition al-khibāʾ (the tent), but the name was sometimes restricted to just four stars in the constellation, βγδε Corvi. In Chapter Five, no. 130, ‘the tent’ is said to be ‘below al-shawlah’ and is represented by only three stars in a triangular arrangement. The name al-shawlah (the raised tail) was applied to two stars in the tip of the tail of Scorpio (λυ Scorpionis) and also formed Lunar Mansion XIX. If the name al-khibāʾ is correctly interpreted as the stars of Corvus, then it would be below (that is, south of) al-shawlah, but not directly so, for it almost 60° to the West. In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XII, al-khibāʾ is illustrated by a ring of nine stars, while in the corresponding illustration in MS CB, fol. 13a, it is a ring of ten stars. The text of Chapter Nine suggests that al-munʿatif (an otherwise unrecorded star-name) may have been an alternative name. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 44 no. 40; Kunitzsch 1983, 66–7 no. N5; Savage-Smith 1985, 205; ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 321.</td>
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<td>al-khibā’</td>
<td>[2] The tent: Uncertain identity. Possibly γπ Aquarīi—that is, two of the four stars usually said to form Lunar Mansion XXV. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXV in Chapter Nine, our author appears to be unique in taking only two of the stars (presumably ηζ Aquarīi) for the lunar mansion (or saʿd) itself and the other two (γπ Aquarīi) for the 'tent'. If the identification is correct, the author has become confused regarding the direction of the other two, for they are to the west of the first two (and only one is south of the first two).</td>
<td>1.9 (XXV)</td>
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<td>kīfāṭūs</td>
<td>See kīfāṭūs.</td>
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<td>khosha</td>
<td>An ear of corn, or a bunch of grapes: Virgo. The Persian name of the zodiacal sign and constellation of Virgo. In Chapter Two it is mistakenly applied to Leo, for the author/copyist has made a mistake in the sequence of Persian zodiacal names. In the entry for Leo, the early copy A (and also the later copy M), write the name as n-kh-w-sh-h, while in the later copy D it reads n-h-w-sh-h. In the entry for Virgo, the later copies write the name correctly as khosha, but the earlier copy A gives the name as tarāzū, the common Persian name for Libra, reflecting an error in the sequence of Persian zodiacal names that the copyist began in the entry for Leo. Sources: Steingass 1892, 487; Bīrūnī 1934, 70 sect. 150.</td>
<td>1.2 (Leo, Virgo)</td>
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<td>al-khulūd (?)</td>
<td>The moles, field rats: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is written without diacritics, and it might also be read as al-julūd (the skin), which is also unrecorded as a star-name. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star, and no further information is provided.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 084</td>
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<td>khūmāris</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. The name of a star-group, or comet/meteor, that is otherwise unrecorded. It is written as khuwāris in the oldest copy (A), while the later copies write it as khūmāris. The text states that it consists of a large star surrounded by twelve small stars that encircle it and that Hermes gave it the name al-ṣawārikh, while the Greeks call it khuwāris (or khūmāris). Neither name is in the recorded literature. The star group is illustrated in copy A with one large star surrounded by eight stars, while in M is it is illustrated by a large star surrounded by eleven stars, and in D and B by one large and ten small stars. It is said to pass through Aries every forty, though some say sixty, solar years.</td>
<td>1.7 no. 7</td>
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<td>al-khurtān</td>
<td>The two holes, or eyelets: Lunar Mansion XI; δθ Leonis. The most common name for this Lunar Mansion is al-zubrah (the mane of the lion), though al-khurtān does also occur occasionally. Al-khurtān is used in both the diagram in 1.1 and in Chapter Nine. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 69 no. 128; Savage-Smith 1985, 126–7.</td>
<td>1.1 (diagr. 1) 1.9 (X, XI)</td>
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<td>khūshah</td>
<td>See khosha.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 094</td>
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<td>khūsheh</td>
<td>See al-ka’s.</td>
<td>1.9 (VII)</td>
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<td>al-kulyatayn</td>
<td>See al-ka’s.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 094</td>
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<td>al-kursī</td>
<td>The throne: αβδγ Leporis (?). Ibn Qutaybah said that al-kursī was the name for four stars arranged in an irregular square under al-jawzāʾ (a very large giant covering the area of Orion, but larger). ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī identified these as four stars in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Lepus. In Chapter Nine the star-group is illustrated as three stars in a triangular arrangement. Sources: Kunitzsch 75, nos. 148a–b; Savage-Smith 1985, 194.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 094</td>
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<td>al-kursiyān</td>
<td>The two thrones: αβδγ Leporis, τ Orionis, and λψ Eridani. Despite this star-group being illustrated in Chapter Five by only two stars, the name refers to two groups of four stars each. The ‘anterior throne’ [of al-jawzāʾ, the very large giant in the area of Orion] was identified as being one star in Orion and three in Eridanus (τ Orionis, and λψ Eridani). The ‘posterior throne’ [of al-jawzāʾ] was considered to be four stars in the constellation Lepus (αβδγ Leporis). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 75, nos. 148–9.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 099</td>
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<td>khuwāris</td>
<td>See khūmāris.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 165</td>
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<td>al-lakhīyah</td>
<td>See al-taḥīyah.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 165</td>
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<td>al-laqaṭ</td>
<td>The gleanings: Uncertain identification. The name is clearly written as al-laqaṭ in all copies, though there are different spellings in various copies of ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī’s treatise, where al-laqaṭ is given as an alternative name for the three stars forming the ‘sword of the giant’ (sayf al-jabbār), cθ1,2ι Orionis. It is illustrated in Chapter Five, however, with only a single star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 75 no. 153; for sayf al-jabbār Kunitzsch 1961, 105 no. 266.</td>
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<td>al-lawābis</td>
<td>اللباس</td>
<td>The garments (?): Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated in Chapter Five with three stars in a diagonal row; no further information is given.</td>
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<td>al-layth</td>
<td>الليل</td>
<td>The lion: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with two stars, with no further information provided. <em>Al-layth</em> is also an alternative name for the zodiacal sign Leo (see <em>EP</em>, art. 'Mintakat al-hurūd' (W. Hartner).</td>
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<td>al-liḥyānī</td>
<td>اللحائيّان</td>
<td>The long-bearded one: A name applied to the fourth in a list of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. It is also used a second time as an alternative name for the eighth comet (named <em>al-habashi</em>, the Ethiopian) in the same list, and when discussing the tenth comet in the list, our author says that some have identified <em>al-liḥyānī</em> with a comet named <em>al-khābiyah</em>. In the early copy (A) of the <em>Book of Curiosities</em>, the name is written without diacritics, except for the <em>nūn</em>, while in the later copies the name is written as <em>al-lijānī</em> or <em>al-lujaynī</em>, whose meaning is obscure. The name <em>al-liḥyānī</em> occurs also in Ibn Hibintā. The name corresponds to the name πωγωνίας (bearded) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The comet-name <em>al-liḥyānī</em> also occurs in the treatise <em>Risālah fī Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib wa-mā dhukira fīhā min al-ʿajāʾib</em> attributed to Ḥunayn ibn Ishāq. The comet-name <em>al-liḥyānī</em> also occurs in later Arabic/Persian sources, while the comparable Latin comet-name is <em>barbata</em>. Sources: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:363 and 2:142; for late-antique versions, Tannery 1920, 4:356 and Pl. II; for <em>Risālah fī Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib</em>, Bodleian, MS Marsh 618, fols. 229b–231a [old 457–466] and Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS Muṣṭafā Fāḍil miqāṭ 204, fols. 75b–76a, reproduced in King 1986, pl. LXXX; for <em>al-liḥyānī</em> in later Arabic/Persian sources, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 11 in list; for the comet-name in Latin treatises, Thorndike 1950, 25.</td>
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<td>al-lujaynī</td>
<td>اللجنيّين</td>
<td>See <em>al-liḥyānī</em>.</td>
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<td>limānīs</td>
<td>دِلَانيس</td>
<td>See <em>ikhthīs</em>.</td>
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<td>liyūn</td>
<td>λέων, a lion: The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Leo, transliterated as <em>liyūn</em>. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 190.</td>
<td>1.2 (Leo)</td>
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<td>al-lujaynī</td>
<td>اللجنيّين</td>
<td>See <em>al-liḥyānī</em>.</td>
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<td>al-lūrā</td>
<td>لورا</td>
<td>λύρα, a lyre: The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Lyre, transliterated as al-lūrā. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 177.</td>
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<td>m-a-s-x-r</td>
<td>مکرم</td>
<td>See y-a-n-y-sh.</td>
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<td>m-k-l-th-m</td>
<td>مکرم</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for α Piscis Austrini, the 18th brightest star and now numbered in the constellation of the Southern Fish, Piscis Austrinus. This star-name is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>m-m-'a-n</td>
<td>مان</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for β1,2 Sagittarii (Arkab). The reading of the ‘Persian’ name m-m-'a-n is uncertain and otherwise unattested. The name might be read as s-m-'a-n, equally unattested.</td>
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<td>m-n-d-kh-t</td>
<td>مندخت</td>
<td>[Venus]: A so-called ‘Persian’ (bi-l-fārsiyah) name for the planet Venus. The name written in this manuscript, m-n-d-kh-t, is inexplicable, and it is written in the same manner in all the copies, though in the two later copies it is said to be a Greek (rūmiyah) name. It is possible that this was intended to be the ‘Indian’ name rather than the Persian one, since the correct Persian name appears as the Sanskrit name in this entry. The common Persian name for Venus, however, is nāhīd, nāhida, or anāhīd. Source: For anāhīd etc.; Steingass 1892, 103 and 1382.</td>
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<td>m-r-s-q</td>
<td>مرسر</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for β Leonis (Denebola). The Persian star-name is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>m-s-t-h-s-x</td>
<td>مستحص</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for β Pegasi, a star in Pegasus. The name is otherwise unattested. The final letter is undotted and uncertain.</td>
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<td>m-sh-y-r</td>
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<td>See sher.</td>
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<td>m-w-t-w-s</td>
<td>موقولوس</td>
<td>[The Moon]: The Byzantine name (bi-l- yūnāniyah) name for the Moon given in later copies as m-w-t-w-s (or mütūs, as written in copy A) is unidentified as a planetary name.</td>
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<td>māh</td>
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<td>The Moon: The common Persian name for the Moon. Source: Steingass 1892, 1145.</td>
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<td>al-mahā</td>
<td>المها</td>
<td>A type of antelope: Unidentified. It is illustrated as four stars in a diamond pattern. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources, nor is the significance of the word evident. In the Karshūnī copy B, it is written as al-muʿānasah meaning ‘familiarity’, but that also is unrecorded as a star-name.</td>
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<td>al-maḥāmil</td>
<td>المحمل</td>
<td>Litters carried by camels: ζγηα Leonis. An alternative name for al-jabnah (the forehead of the lion), which corresponds to four stars in Leo. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 72–3 no. N14.</td>
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<td>māhe</td>
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<td>A fish: Pisces. A Persian name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Pisces, transliterated as māhī. Source: Steingass 1892, 1147.</td>
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<td>al-mahras al-shamālī</td>
<td>المحرس الشمالي</td>
<td>The northern walled enclosure: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources for star-names. The name (al-mahras al-shamālī) might be a variation of hāris al-shamāl (the sentinel of the north) which ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī gives as an alternative name for the star Arcturus (α Boötis). In Chapter Five, in place of the word al-mahras (as written in copy A), copies D and B read al-faras (the horse) and copy M reads al-ʿadū (the enemy). Source: For hāris al-shamāl, Kunitzsch 1961, 67 no. 121a; for the meaning of al-mahras, Dozy 1881, 1270.</td>
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<td>al-majarrah</td>
<td>المجرة</td>
<td>The galaxy: The white band known as The Milky Way. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 139–40; EI², art. ‘al-madjarrā’ (P. Kunitzsch).</td>
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<td>al-makākī</td>
<td>المكاكٍ</td>
<td>The mukkā‘-birds: Unidentified. Al-makākī is the plural of mukkā‘, a white and light-brown coloured bird about the size of a nightingale; as a star-name its identity is uncertain. One anwā‘-source specifies that they are two stars, but other sources suggest a larger group—a group of stars of the constellation Hydra that in the Bedouin tradition were called al-sharakā‘if (the rib cartilages, or the shackled camels). In Chapter Nine, it is illustrated in the diagram for Lunar Mansion V by a row of five stars, although the text specified it should be two red stars; it is omitted on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion VI, it is again illustrated by a row of five stars, and it is also illustrated in that manner in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 76 no. 155; Kunitzsch 1983, 50 no. 155; for the meaning of the name, Dozy 1881, 2615.</td>
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<td>al-maʿlaf</td>
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<td>The manger: Lunar Mansion VIII; M44 (Praesepe). In Chapter Nine, this name is given as an alternative name for Lunar Mansion VIII.</td>
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<td>maʿlaf al-saraṭān</td>
<td>مَلِفَعُلْلُرَتَانِ</td>
<td>The manger of the crab: The open cluster in Cancer (M44, Praesepe). In Chapter Five the name <em>maʿlaf al-saraṭān</em> is written in the lower margin, and no stars are illustrated.</td>
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<td>mallāḥ al-safīnah</td>
<td>مَلِاحُالسَفِينَةِ</td>
<td>The navigator of the ship: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated in copy A with one large and two smaller stars, arranged in a triangular formation, and in later copies with three of the same size. Lunar Mansion XXIV, beneath which it is said to be situated, consists of two stars in Aquarius and one in Capricorn (<em>β Aquarii</em> + <em>α Capricorni</em>).</td>
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<td>al-mankib</td>
<td>المَلْكِبُ</td>
<td>The shoulder: An otherwise unattested name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Equuleus. In the diagram opening Chapter One, this unusual (if not unique) name is applied to Equuleus. The name <em>al-mankib</em>, however, suggests that the author had in mind a prominent star rather than a constellation. The name <em>mankib</em> forms part of several individual star-names, including a star in Pegasus (<em>mankib al-faras</em>, <em>β</em> PEGASI), a star in Auriga (<em>mankib dhī al-ʿinān</em>, <em>β</em> Aurigae, Menkalinan), and a star in Orion (<em>mankib al-jawzāʾ</em>, <em>α</em> Orionis, Betelgeuse). None, however, are associated with the small constellation of Equuleus.</td>
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<td>mankib al-faras</td>
<td>المَلِكِبُالْفَرَاسِ</td>
<td>The shoulder of the horse: <em>β</em> PEGASI. A star in the constellation Pegasus, whose name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic image rather than the Bedouin one. In MS A of Chapter Two, the star is said to be a <em>bābānīyah</em> star, though the later copies refer to it only as a fixed star. In Chapter Four the star is included amongst the Hermetic ‘thirty bright stars’. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 90 G22; Savage-Smith 1985, 159.</td>
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<td>mankib al-jabbār</td>
<td>المكتب الجبار</td>
<td>The shoulder of the giant: A star of uncertain identification whose longitude would be in the constellation Gemini. It is possibly mankib al-jawzā’ al-aysar (the left shoulder of al-jawzā’), a name for γ Orionis (Belletrix), or mankib al-jawzā’ al-ayman (the right shoulder of al-jawzā’), a name for α Orionis (Betelgeuse), both of whose longitudes would be in the constellation of Gemini.</td>
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<td>mankib al-jawzā’ al-ayman</td>
<td>المكتب الجوزاء الأيمن</td>
<td>The right shoulder of the giant al-jawzā’: α Orionis (Betelgeuse). The 12th brightest star in the heavens. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 77 no. 158.</td>
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<td>mankib al-jawzā’ al-aysar</td>
<td>المكتب الجوزاء الأيسر</td>
<td>The left shoulder of the giant al-jawzā’: γ Orionis (Belletrix). The text also gives a ‘Persian’ name as y-a-n-y-sh, which is somewhat similar to m-a-s-x-r in related Hermetic lists of stars, where it is applied to α Coronae Borealis; the temperament of Jupiter and Mercury given in Chapter Four is also the same as for α Coronae Borealis in other Hermetic lists. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 130 no. 180; Kunitzsch 1961 no. 158; Savage-Smith 1985, 191; for m-a-s-x-r, Kunitzsch 2001, 37 and 26.</td>
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<td>mankib mumsik al-‘inān</td>
<td>المكتب ممسك العان</td>
<td>The shoulder of the one holding the reins: β Aurigae (Menkalinam). The ‘one holding the reins’ is Auriga. Chapter Four assigns a Persian star-name q-ʿ-r that resembles the name al-ʿ-r (with the article al- added) given in similar Hermetic lists of stars to α Aurigae rather than to β Aurigae. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 130 no. 180; for al-ʿ-r, Kunitzsch 2001, 37 and 26.</td>
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<td>mankib qanṭūrus</td>
<td>المكتب قطروس</td>
<td>The shoulder of the centaur: ι Centauri or θ Centauri (?). The ‘shoulder of the centaur’ is not a common star-name, and it is not mentioned in association with Lunar Mansion XVI in other available sources. It reflects Ptolemaic terminology for the constellation, and was usually used for a star on the shoulder of the southern constellation Centaurus which is to be identified with either ι Centauri or θ Centauri. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 333.</td>
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<td>mankib al-thurayyā</td>
<td>المكتب الثريا</td>
<td>The shoulder of al-thurayyā: ξ Persei + 3 other stars (?). The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyā), with the arm of her outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. It is usually associated with only a single star (ξ Persei), but Ibn Qutaybah said it was two, and in Chapter Five it is illustrated with four stars in a semicircle. In Chapter Nine it is 1.5 no. 036</td>
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<td>called simply al-mankib and illustrated with three stars (although the text specifically states that it consists of two adjacent stars), while in the similar diagram in MS CB fol. 3a it is shown as a single star and given its full name, mankib al-thurayyā. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 76 no. 157; Savage-Smith 1985, 123, 151.</td>
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<td>The woman who never married: Andromeda. 1.3</td>
<td>This is an alternative name for the more common al-marʾah al-musalsalah (the chained woman) applied to the northern constellation of Andromeda. Sources: ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 125; Kunitzsch 1974, 187–8.</td>
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<td>The knowledge: Unidentified. A star-group 1.9 (VII) called al-maʾrifah is said in some anwāʾ-sources to be near the star-groups al-athāfī, al-qidr, and banāt naʿsh—precisely the same description as given here in Chapter Nine. In the manuscript A, however, the word in written as al-mighrafah (the spoon or the scoop). One other instance of al-mighrafah is recorded, as well as the spelling al-miʿzafah. The most common spelling, however, is al-maʾrifah. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 74 no. N16; Forcada 2000, 193; Qaddūrī 2005, 90.</td>
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<td>The water outlet: Unidentified. The term 1.9 (IV) maṣabb al-māʾ occurs in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy’s Almagest as a name for the star identified today as α Piscis Austrini. It is stated in Chapter Nine that this star called maṣabb al-māʾ is the last in the line of stars forming ‘the cattle’ (al-baqar), whose identity is uncertain. It is said to be of third magnitude. Star groups called ‘the cattle’ are described by anwāʾ authors as being in various positions, including opposite the star al-dabarān (α Tauri, Aldebaran) and to the right of the ‘cut-off hand’ (al-kaff al-jadhmāʾ) of the large woman named al-thurayyā (τθζθη Ceti). Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 82–3 no. N29.</td>
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<td>māṣik al-ʿinān</td>
<td>ماسك الاعنان</td>
<td>The one holding the rein: The northern constellation of Auriga. This is an alternative to the more common name for Auriga, mumsik al-ʿinān or mumisik al-aʿinnah. In Chapter Three, māṣik al-ʿinān occurs along with mumisik al-ʿinān.</td>
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<td>matn al-asad</td>
<td>متن الأسد</td>
<td>The back of the lion: δ Leonis. A star on the rump of the constellation Leo whose common name was zahr al-asad, also meaning 'the back of the lion'.</td>
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<td>المورد</td>
<td>Suffering a fever periodically: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. In later copies D and B the name is written as al-mawrūd, while in copies A and M it is clearly written in al-muwarrad (the rosy one). In a similar text, Ibn Hibintā does not give either al-muwarrad or al-mawrūd as the name for the comet, but rather only al-jāriyah (the maiden). This same alternative name is also given in the Book of Curiosities, where it is modified with an adjective as al-jāriyah al-rīnā (the fickle or frivolous maiden).</td>
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<td>al-maysān</td>
<td>الميسان</td>
<td>The bright one: An alternative name for Lunar Mansion V; λφ1φ2 Orionis. In Chapter Nine the name is written as al-minsār or al-minshār, which are likely to be errors for al-maysan, which some anwaʾ-authors gave as an alternative name for Lunar Mansion V.</td>
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<td>maysān al-malik</td>
<td>ميسان الملك</td>
<td>The bright star of the king: ξ Geminorum. In the text accompanying the diagram for Lunar Mansion IV in Chapter Nine, the name is written as mminsār al-malik, while in the diagram it is written as minshār al-malik. In a similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a (illustrating Lunar Mansion V) is clearly written as maysān al-malik. Other variants occur as well. The spelling maysān al-malik appears to be the most common. The name al-maysān is also given by some other anwaʾ-authors as an alternative name for Lunar Mansion V.</td>
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<td>mihr</td>
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<td>The sun: The common name for the Sun in Persian. Source: Steingass 1892, 1353.</td>
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<td>mijdāf al-safīnah</td>
<td>مجداف السفينة</td>
<td>The oar of the ship: Unidentified. A star whose longitude is in Gemini.</td>
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<td>al-mijmarah</td>
<td>المجمرة</td>
<td>The incense burner: Ara, a southern constellation. This is the only classical constellation about which there is no Bedouin tradition—that is, the seven stars comprising the constellation do not seem to have been recognized in the Arab world prior to the introduction of Greek astronomy. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 203.</td>
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<td>mir-faq al-thurayyā</td>
<td>The elbow</td>
<td>The elbow of <em>al-thurayyā</em>: α Persei. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named <em>al-thurayyā</em>), with the elbow of her outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. The star-name appears customarily to refer to a single star. In Chapter Five, the star is given two entries, and in the first (no. 035) it is illustrated with two stars while in the second (no. 076) it is shown as a single star. In Chapter Nine (where it is written as <em>mirfaq al-thurayyā</em>) it is illustrated as a single star. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 77 no. 163; Savage-Smith 1985, 123 and 151.</td>
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<td>Mars: The planet Mars, considered one of the 'wandering' stars.</td>
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<td>الزمرد</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] possibly, Companion: α Orionis or γ Orionis. The name <em>al-mirzam</em> is a short form for <em>mirzam al-jawzāʾ</em>. See <em>mirzam al-jawzāʾ</em>.</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] possibly, Companion: β Canis Majoris. A large star in Canis Major which in traditional Arab nomenclature was considered the 'companion' of Sirius. It is on the upper front paw of the dog, just under the western foot of Orion. In both the entry for Orion and the entry for Lepus in Chapter Three, al-mirzam is said to be in the 'foot of the giant' (ف رجل الجبارة). In Chapter Nine, the name kalb al-jabbār (the dog of the giant) is said to be an alternative name for al-mirzam. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 78 no. 164b/c. and Savage-Smith 1985, 197.</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] possibly, The companion of al-jawzāʾ: α Orionis or γ Orionis. When referring to al-jawzāʾ, it designates either α Orionis or γ Orionis. In Chapter Five and Chapter Nine, the name al-mirzam is used as a short form for mirzam al-jawzāʾ. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that people called the bright red star in Orion (α Orionis) by the name of mirzam al-jawzāʾ, but that it is incorrect, for the term properly belongs to the third star of the constellation (γ Orionis) which precedes it. In Chapter Five it was represented by a single star. In Chapter Nine, the word al-mirzam is consistently written as al-marām (longing, wish), a variant spelling that also occurs elsewhere, including the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 79–80 no. 164a and 165a.</td>
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<td>al-miṣbāḥ</td>
<td>المصباح</td>
<td>The lamp: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. The name corresponds to the name λαμπάδιας (torch-like) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The comet-name al-miṣbāḥ also occurs in the treatise Risālah fī Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib wa-mā dhukira fīhā min al-ʿajāʾib attributed</td>
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| to Ḥunayn ibn Ishāq. The comet-name al-miṣbāḥ also occurs in later Arabic/Persian sources, while the comparable comet-name in early Latin treatises is *aurora* or *candela*. It has been suggested that the term *lāmāṭ* (torch) can also refer to auroral phenomena rather than comets, and the association of red with *al-miṣbāḥ* might support such an interpretation (see Stothers 1979, 90). Sources: For late-antique equivalents, Tannery 1920, 4356 and Pl. II; for later Arabic/Persian use, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 3 in list; for Latin equivalents, Thorndike 1950, 24–25, 42, 93, 124, and 163. Relevant leaves from the *Risālah fī Dhawāt*, Bodleian, MS Marsh 608, fols. 239b–231a [old 457–466] and Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS Muṣṭafā Fāḍil mīqāt 204, fols. 75b–76a, are reproduced in King 1986, pl. LXXX. |}

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<td>[1] The balance: Libra. A common name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Libra. It was also occasionally known as <em>al-zubānā</em>, an old word of Sumerian origin meaning ‘the claws’, reflecting an antique image of a scorpion covering a larger area than the classical Greek Scorpio. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 191.</td>
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<td>al-mīzān</td>
<td>[2] The balance [of Canopus]: Unidentified. The identity of the two stars called ‘its [suhayl’s] balance’ is uncertain. In Chapter Nine, the star-group is paired with <em>al-wāzin</em> rising with Canopus. An anonymous <em>anwāʾ</em>-treatise states essentially the same as that said in Chapter Nine. In Chapter Nine it is illustrated by three stars, while in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, it is illustrated with two stars. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 75 no. N17.</td>
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<td>al-muʿakhkhar</td>
<td>See <em>al-fargh al-muʿakhkhar</em>.</td>
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<td>muʿakhkhar</td>
<td>The rear portion of the horse: Unidentified. It is illustrated by three stars in a curve. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. It may be intended as a variant of <em>qiṭʿat al-faras</em> (the portion of a horse) that is one of the Arabic names for the Ptolemaic constellation of Equuleus, which had the form of the head and neck of a horse. For <em>qiṭʿat al-faras</em>, Kunitzsch 1974, 186.</td>
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<td>muʾakhkhar masābb al-māʾ</td>
<td>مؤخر مصب الماء</td>
<td>The back portion of the water outlet: Unidentified. The asterism called 'the water outlet' (masabb al-māʾ) is unidentified; see masabb al-māʾ. In Chapter Nine, the diagram for Lunar Manson IV that occurs in MS CB, fol. 5, shows a single star labelled muʾakhkhar masābb al-māʾ. This star is not illustrated on the comparable diagram in copy A, which in its place has the star-group 'the cattle' (al-baṣār). The term masabb al-māʾ occurs in the Arabic translation of Ptolemy’s Almagest as a name for the star identified today as α Piscis Austrini. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 82–3 no. N29.</td>
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<td>al-muʾānasah</td>
<td>الموانئة</td>
<td>The dispute: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-muḥāmi</td>
<td>المحادي</td>
<td>The defender: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. The later copies D and M read al-ḥāmī (the guardian), which can also mean a stallion-camel that refuses to be ridden; such a name is also undocumented as a star-name. Source: For the meaning of al-ḥāmī, Lane 1863, 652.</td>
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<td>al-muḥāwarah</td>
<td>المحاوره</td>
<td>The dispute: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-mukhtār</td>
<td>المختار</td>
<td>The preferred: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-mukhālaṭ</td>
<td>المخلط</td>
<td>The infected, or the mixed: Unidentified. The name of a star-group or comet/meteor said to consist of two stars with three obscure ones behind, traversing the heavens every 103 and 1/2 solar years. Hermes is said to have called it al-nawāsī (the forelocks) or al-nawāsīr (fistulas). None are the names are found elsewhere in the published literature as star/comet-names. It is illustrated with two stars having below them a row of three. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-multahib</td>
<td>المن🎈</td>
<td>The burning one: Cepheus, a northern constellation. The constellation was more commonly was called qiqāʿūs, an Arabic version of the Greek name Cepheus. However, the name al-multahib was used (in addition to qiqāʿūs) in glosses on the translation of Ptolemy’s Almagest and by ‘Abd al-Raḥmān</td>
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<td>mumsik al-bayyah</td>
<td>The one holding the serpent: Serpentarius (or Ophiuchus), a northern constellation.</td>
<td>This is one of the names given the constellation of Serpentarius, an alternative being al-bawwā, meaning serpent charmer. On the diagram opening Chapter One, the name mumsik al-bayyah is inadvertently given in place of the correct name for the constellation Triangulum.</td>
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<td>mumsik al-`inān</td>
<td>The one holding the rein: Auriga, a northern constellation. This common Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Auriga often displays the slight variant mumsik al-<code>inān. Another variant is māsik al-</code>inān, which in Chapter Three occurs along with mumsik al-`inān.</td>
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<td>al-mun`atīf</td>
<td>The curve: Unidentified. The name has not been found in recorded sources. The text in Chapter Nine says that the star-group has a form like that of al-khibā’ (the tent), a name given by Bedouins to stars comprising the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Corvus the Raven. The name was by some restricted to just four stars in the constellation, ðγδε Corvi, and as such was an alternative name for ʿarsh al-simāk al-aʿzal (the throne of simāk aʿzal). Since al-mun`atīf is not mentioned in the accompanying diagram for Lunar Mansion XII, but al-khibā’ is, it is likely that they are intended as synonyms. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XII in Chapter Nine, al-khibā’ is illustrated by a ring of nine stars, while in the corresponding illustration in MS CB, fol. 13a, it is a ring of ten stars.</td>
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<td>munir al-fakkah</td>
<td>The brilliant star of al-fakkah: α Coronae Borealis (Alphecca).</td>
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<td>al-munṣal</td>
<td>المصل</td>
<td>The sword, or, the stone pestle: Unidentifed. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star and is stated in the lower cell to be located after al-dhiʾbān (the two wolves). The only recorded identification for the latter stars are as two stars in the northern constellation of Draco (ζη Draconis). Sources: For al-dhiʾbān, Kunitzsch 1961, 53 no. 79; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 148.</td>
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<td>al-muqaddam</td>
<td>المقدم</td>
<td>See al-fargh al-muqaddam.</td>
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<td>al-dalw</td>
<td>مقدم الدلو</td>
<td>The anterior part of the bucket: β Pegasi. This appears to be an alternative term for what the text describes as the ‘ayyūq-star for Lunar Mansion XXIV. In the text it was referred to as the northern of the stars forming al-fargh al-muqaddam (the anterior spout), referring to two stars in the constellation Pegasus. The Bedouins envisaged a leather bucket in the area of Pegasus, with the bucket formed by the four bright stars making up the modern asterism called the Great Square of Pegasus. An alternative name for this square of stars was al-dalw (the bucket). The two foremost (western) stars constituted the anterior spout of the bucket (αβ Pegasi), and according to the text the ‘ayyūq-star of Lunar Mansion XXIV is the northern one of the two, which is β Pegasi, a red-giant star also called Scheat. In the accompanying diagram (as in MS CB fol. 23a) it is illustrated with a single star. Sources: For al-dalw, see Kunitzsch 1961, 52 no. 74; for al-fargh al-muqaddam, Kunitzsch 1961, 57 no. 92b; Savage-Smith 1985, 131–2.</td>
<td>1.9 (XXIV)</td>
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<td>al-jabbār</td>
<td>المقدم الجبار</td>
<td>The front of the giant: An unidentified star in the constellation of Taurus. It is otherwise unrecorded.</td>
<td>1.2 (Taurus)</td>
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<td>al-murawwiʿah</td>
<td>المروعة</td>
<td>The fearsome: Unidentified. The name of this pair of stars, or comet, is otherwise unrecorded. The comet is said to have been called al-murawwiʿah by Hermes. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint (or lightly-traced) lances (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah)’ for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-murjif</td>
<td>المرجف</td>
<td>The one spreading alarming news: 1 Aurigae or e Persei (?). Uncertain identification. The Arabic name reflects the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyā), with her shoulder and outstretched arm in the constellation of Perseus. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that anwāʾ-authors stated that between the ‘shoulder-blade’ of al-thurayyā (usually οζ Persei) and αγγυαq (Capella, α Aurigae).</td>
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<td>al-muṣbaḥ</td>
<td>المصبح</td>
<td>The morning: Unidentified. It is said to be one of the eleven stars (in addition to the Sun and Moon) seen by the prophet Joseph.</td>
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<td>al-mushtarı</td>
<td>المشرى</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: The planet Jupiter, considered one of the ‘wandering’ stars.</td>
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<td>al-mustaḥiqqāt</td>
<td>المستحقات</td>
<td>The deserving ones: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a row of three stars and said to be between al-farqadān (βγ Ursae Minoris), and the banāt naʿsh (αβγδ Ursae Majoris).</td>
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<td>al-mustasif</td>
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<td>The one soundly built, free from defect: The name al-mustasif is a variant spelling of the star-name al-mustakhṣif, both of which occur only in the anwā‘-literature. Both are alternative names for the star in the constellation Andromeda called by Bedouins ‘anāq al-ard (the desert lynx), γ Andromedae. In Chapter Nine the name is written as al-mustasif and in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 3a, the name is also written as al-mustasif. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion III in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as a single star. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 75 no. N48, for a discussion of the term and its possible origin.</td>
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<td>al-mustamiddāt</td>
<td>المستمدادات</td>
<td>The extended (?): Unidentified. The name of six stars said to complete their orbit every ten years. It is stated that Hermes was responsible for the name al-mustamiddāt; it is not found elsewhere in the published literature. It is illustrated with six stars, either in two rows of four and two, or in two rows of three. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khaṣiyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-mu'taniqayn</td>
<td>المعتنين</td>
<td>The embracing couple: Unidentified. The name of a comet/meteor that appears every 40 years. It is said to also be known as alyat al-kamal (the lamb’s fat-tail) and to have a tail that casts flames and sparks of fire. It is illustrated as two long swords or darts. The name is not found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khaṣiyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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there were two stars under the Milky Way, one named al-murjif and the other named al-birjīs. In Chapter Five, the star-name is illustrated with two stars. This star-name might also be read as a-l-m-r-ḥ-f.

Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 50 no. 66, 51 note 1, and 73 no. 177; Kunitzsch 1983, 51 no. 177.
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<td>al-muthallath</td>
<td>المثلث١</td>
<td>The triangle: Triangulum, a small northern constellation. This is the standard Arabic name for the constellation. It was considered to consist of three stars arranged at the apexes of a triangle. In the diagram opening Chapter One, the wrong name has been assigned to it: al-hawwā (the serpent charmer), an alternative name for the constellation Serpentarius. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 188–89.</td>
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<td>See m-w-t-w-s.</td>
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<td>al-muwārab</td>
<td>الموارب١</td>
<td>Something oblique or slanted: Unidentified. It is illustrated as a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-muwarrad</td>
<td>المورّد١</td>
<td>The rosy one: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. In the early copy A and the later M, the name is clearly written in al-muwarrad, while in later copies D and B it is written as al-mawrūd (suffering a fever periodically). In a similar text, Ibn Hibintā does not give either al-muwarrad or al-mawrūd as the name for the comet, but rather only al-jāriyah (the maiden). This same alternative name is also given in the Book of Curiosities, where it is modified with an adjective as al-jāriyah al-riʿnā (the fickle or frivolous maiden). There is no comparable name in the late-antique lists of Greek comet-names. The comet-name al-wardī (rosy), however, occurs in the treatise Risālah fi Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib wa-mā dukira fīhā min al-ʿajāʾib attributed to Ḥunayn ibn Ishāq, and also in a later Arabic/Persian source. A comparable Latin comet-name (rosa) is found in early Latin treatises. Sources: For al-jāriyah, Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:363 and 2:141; for later Arabic/Persian names, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 4 in list; for comparable Latin names, Thorndike 1950, 24–25, 43, 93, 163; for Risālah fi Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib, pertinent folios from Bodleian, MS Marsh 618, fols. 229b–23a [old 457–466] and Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS Muṣṭafā Fāḍil miqāṭ 204, fols. 75b–76a, are reproduced in King 1986, pl. LXXX.</td>
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<td>al-muẓlim</td>
<td>المظلم١</td>
<td>The evil-doer: Unidentified. The name of a star or comet, said to complete its orbit every year. It is stated that Ptolemy called it al-muẓlim, while it also had the name al-dāhish (the unsettled, or amazed, astonished). Neither name is found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is illustrated with a single star and described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khuṣṭyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>النعامين</td>
<td>1.9 (XIV) The ostriches: γδεησφτζ Sagittarii. The name al-naʿāʾim (the ostriches) was applied to eight stars in the constellation of Sagittarius, four on either side of the Milky Way. In the Bedouin tradition the Milky Way was viewed as a river, with one group of four ostriches going toward the river and another group of four leaving the river on the other side. The four departing ostriches are σφτζ Sagittarii, and the four arriving ones are γδεη Sagittarii. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 83 nos. 179–183; Savage-Smith 1985, 130.</td>
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<td>al-naʿāʾim</td>
<td>النعامين</td>
<td>1.2 (diagr. 1) The ostriches: Lunar Mansion XIX; γδεησφτζ Sagittarii. The name al-naʿāʾim, in the context of lunar mansions, applied to all (Sagittarius) eight stars. In Chapter Nine, in the entry on Lunar Mansion XIV, the star group is illustrated with nine stars, and nine stars (labelled al-naʿāʾim) are also used in the related illustration of Lunar Mansion XIV in MS CB, fol. 15a. In Chapter Nine, the term نعامتان (two ostriches) is given as an alternative name; its usage appears to be unique to this manuscript. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 83 nos. 179–183; Savage-Smith 1985, 130.</td>
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<td>naʿāmatān</td>
<td>نعامتان</td>
<td>Two ostriches: An alternative name for 1.9 (XX) al-naʿāʾim, Lunar Mansion XX. This term appears to be unique to this treatise.</td>
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<td>al-nāḍiḥ</td>
<td>الناعص</td>
<td>The water-carrying camel: Unidentified. The name of this star-group, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is said to consist of one star with six brilliant ones behind it, though it is illustrated with eight stars (except for copy M which shows only six). It is said to be a favourable star, appearing once every 40 years. The name assigned to Ptolemy (al-nawāḍiḥ) is simply the plural of that assigned to Hermes (al-nāḍiḥ). Al-nāḍiḥ is a camel (or ass or oxen) that drives a water-raising machine at a well. The names are written without diacritics in the early copy A, while the later copies (D, B, M) read the names as al-nāṣiḥ and al-nawāṣiḥ, which is the singular and plural of a word having several meanings, including an advisor or councillor, a tailor or needle-worker, and someone pure of heart. The star-group/comet is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority. Sources: For the meaning of al-nāḍiḥ, Lane 1863, 2807; for al-nāṣiḥ, Lane 1863, 2802.</td>
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<td>al-nāhil</td>
<td>الناهل</td>
<td>The thirsty animal: Uncertain identification. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It may, however, be a singular form of the word al-nihāl, which is a Bedouin term for four stars said to be camels quenching their thirst. These four stars are aligned with stars in the constellation Lepus (αβγδ Leporis). The star-name in Chapter Five is illustrated with three stars, two of which have been damaged or obliterated. Sources: For al-nihāl, Kunitzsch 1961, 89 no. 203; Kunitzsch 1983, 72 no. N14; Savage-Smith 1985, 195.</td>
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<td>al-nāhil</td>
<td>الناهل</td>
<td>The emaciated one: Unidentified. It is a reading of a star-name that occurs in the later copies (D, B, M) for an unidentified single star that in copy A is called al-bākhil (the miser). Neither name has been found in the recorded sources. It is likely that they are mistakes for al-nājidh (a mature person, or, a molar tooth), for the latter is a name that ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī applied to a star on the left shoulder of Orion (γ Orionis). Source: For al-nājidh, Kunitzsch 1961, 84 no. 185.</td>
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<td>al-nahr</td>
<td>النهر</td>
<td>[1] The River: Eridanus, a southern constellation. This is the common Arabic name for the classical southern constellation of Eridanus. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 196.</td>
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<td>al-nahr</td>
<td>النهر</td>
<td>[2] The river: Uncertain identification. Some anwāʾ-sources speak of two or three stars near Lunar Mansion XXV called al-wādī (the small river). Since Lunar Mansion XXV consists of four stars in the constellation of Aquarius, it is possible that the name al-nahr, meaning `river’ was also used for these same stars. It is illustrated by only two stars in the first entry in Chapter Five (no. 065), although in the second entry (no. 162) it has six stars in a partial ring. As a star-name the word al-nahr is not recorded before the nautical writings of Aḥmad ibn Mājid about 1500, when he used the term for stars in the water pouring from the jug of Aquarius. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 81–3 no. N29.</td>
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<td>al-naʿīy</td>
<td>الناعي</td>
<td>The one who announces a death: Mars. The name is stated to be an ‘Indian’ (bi-l-hindiyyah) term for the planet Mars. It is the reading given in the two later copies, D and M, while the earlier copy A appears to give the Arabic word al-bāghiy (the oppressor, the unjust). Neither name is attested in the published literature.</td>
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<td>The supporter: ( \gamma ) Orionis (?). It is said to be a star on the figure of the large giant al-jawzā’, but its precise identification is uncertain. It is said in Chapter Nine to be a white star of the second magnitude. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion V, the name of this star is always written without diacritical dots, but in the accompanying diagram, and also in the diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a, it is written as al-nājid. This spelling of the star-name (al-nājid) is recorded in some anwā’-sources and also in later navigation writings. The more common spelling is, however, al-nājīdh, which was the common term for a molar tooth. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 51 no. 185; Tibbetts 1971, 552; for al-nājīdh, Kunitzsch 1961, 84 no. 185.</td>
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<td>najm</td>
<td>النجمُ</td>
<td>The star al-thurayyā: The Pleiades. An alternative name for the open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus. Six or sometimes seven stars are visible with the naked eye. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 84 no. 186.</td>
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<td>al-narjisah</td>
<td>النرجِيَّةُ</td>
<td>[meaning uncertain]: Unidentified. The star-name is written clearly in all copies as al-narjisah (perhaps a mistake for the common al-narjis, meaning narcissus), and illustrated by four stars, three in one group with the fourth at a distance. It is also possible to read the star-name as lacking a sīn, that is, as al-n-r-j-h, but the meaning of such a word is unclear and it is unrecorded as a star-name. Variant spellings (including al-narjis) occur also in other anwā’-sources. In this context, however, it may be a mistake for the star-name al-birjīs. The identity of the latter, however, is uncertain. See al-birjīs.</td>
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<td>al-nasaq</td>
<td>النساقُ</td>
<td>The row: Uncertain identity. The name al-nasaq was applied to two different groups of stars, one usually called al-nasaq al-sha‘mī (the northern row) and the other al-nasaq al-janūbī or al-nasaq al-yamānī (the southern row). The former consisted of two stars in the serpent carried by Serpentarius (Ophiuchus), nine stars across the arm of Hercules, and two stars in Lyra. The latter was aligned with four stars in Serpens and ten in Serpentarius. The area between these two rows of stars was sometimes called ‘the meadow’ (al-rawdah) and was said to be devoid of stars. The star-group al-nasaq is illustrated in Chapter Five</td>
<td>1.5 nos. 050, 076, 124 1.9 (V, XVI, XVII)</td>
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<td>The northern row: Two stars in the serpent (no. 050) by a ring of eight stars. In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVII, it is illustrated with a diagonal row of eight stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 86 no. 192a–b; Kunitzsch 1983, 52 no. 192a/b; Savage-Smith 1985, 155.</td>
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<td>المسقين</td>
<td>The two rows: The ‘northern row’ (al-nasaq al-sha’mī) and the ‘southern row’ (al-nasaq al-janūbih or al-nasaq al-yamānī), combined. The former consisted of two stars in the serpent carried by Serpentarius (Ophiuchus), nine stars across the arm of Hercules, and two stars in Lyra. The latter was aligned with four stars in Serpens and ten in Serpentarius. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 86 no. 192a–b; Kunitzsch 1983, 52 no. 192a–b; Savage-Smith 1985, 155.</td>
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<td>al-nashi’</td>
<td>النشيء</td>
<td>The newborn camel or The newly risen clouds: Unidentified. The name al-nashi’ (or al-nash’i) has not been found in other recorded sources as a star-name. It is illustrated in Chapter Five with a single star, with no further information is given.</td>
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<td>nasr al-bār</td>
<td>نسر الأبار</td>
<td>A variety of raptor, possibly a type of falcon (α Aurigae (?)). Probably an alternative name for α Aurigae (Capella), though illustrated in all copies with a pair of stars. The name nasr al-bār is given in all the later copies (D, B, M) for what is written in the earliest copy (A) as al-bāz (falcon); the latter is undocumented in the recorded sources as a star-name. However, the name al-bār (of uncertain meaning) is mentioned in some navigational treatises written before 1500, where al-bār is said to be ‘ayyūq al-thurayyā, and ‘ayyūq al-thurayyā is another name for Capella, usually called simply ‘ayyūq. The star-name nasr al-bār, however, is also undocumented in recorded sources. Source: For al-bār, Kunitzsch 1961, 49 no. 60.</td>
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<td>أر اط لصر ا</td>
<td>[1] The flying eagle: $\alpha$ Aquilae. The most common alignment of the Arabic name is (Capricorn) with the single very bright star $\alpha$ Aquilae (Altair), the eleventh brightest star in the heavens. While the bird in question is usually rendered as 'eagle', the Arabic al-nasr is more accurately translated as 'vulture', though both qualify as varieties of raptors. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 138–9 no. 52; Kunitzsch 1961, 86 no. 194a; Savage-Smith 1985, 157.</td>
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<td>[2] The flying eagle: $\alpha\beta\gamma$ Aquilae. Some scholars (as in Chapter Five) have identified the Arabic name with three stars in the constellation of Aquila. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXI in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated with three stars, the middle one larger than the other two. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 138–9 no. 52; Kunitzsch 1961, 86 no. 194a; Savage-Smith 1985, 157.</td>
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<td>al-nasr al-wāqiʿ</td>
<td>عق لواصر ا</td>
<td>[1] The falling eagle: $\alpha$ Lyrae (Vega). The most common identification of this Arabic (Sagittarius) name is with the single very bright star Vega, the fifth brightest in the heavens. While the bird in question is usually rendered as 'eagle', the Arabic al-nasr is more accurately translated as 'vulture', though both qualify as varieties of raptors. In Chapter Five it is one time (no. 045) identified with a single bright star, but second time with three stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 218 no. 198; Kunitzsch 1961, 87 no. 195a; and Savage-Smith 1985, 146.</td>
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<td>[2] The falling eagle: $\alpha\beta\gamma$ Lyrae. Some scholars have identified the Arabic name with three stars in the constellation Lyra, and in Chapter Five it is once in the table identified with three stars (no. 042), though a second time it is described as a single bright star. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVIII in Chapter Nine it is also illustrated with three stars in a triangular arrangement. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 218 no. 198; Kunitzsch 1961, 87 no. 195a; and Savage-Smith 1985, 146.</td>
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<td>[3] The falling eagle: The constellation Lyra. In Chapter Three, the name is used as an alternative name for the entire constellation of Lyra. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 177.</td>
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<td>al-naṭḥ</td>
<td>النحح</td>
<td>The butting: Lunar Mansion I; βγ Arietis or αβγ Arietis. This is an alternative name for Lunar Mansion I, more commonly called al-sharaṭayn or al-sharaṭān. Some authors write the alternative name as al-nāṭiḥ. In Chapter Nine, it is said to consist of three stars, though in the accompanying illustration it is illustrated by a single star (and also in the corresponding illustration in MS CB, fols. 2a). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 110–11, no. 286.</td>
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<td>al-nathrah</td>
<td>الثمرة</td>
<td>[1] The cartilage of the nose: The open cluster in Cancer (M44, Praesepe). The traditional Bedouin name for the cluster was al-nathrah, reflecting the image of a lion, larger than the Ptolemaic Leo, in this region of the skies. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 76 no. 156, 88 no. 201; Savage-Smith 1985, 170.</td>
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<td>al-nathrah</td>
<td>الثمرة</td>
<td>[2] The cartilage of the nose: Lunar Mansion VIII; M44 (Praesepe), γδ Cancri. This mansion was usually interpreted as comprising three stars in the constellation of Cancer: the open star cluster M44, today called Praesepe or the Beehive, and two additional stars, one on either side of the open cluster (γδ Cancri). Some writers, however, limited the Lunar Mansion to only the star cluster M44. Chapter Nine gives al-maʿlaf (the manger) as alternative name. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 88 no. 201.</td>
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<td>al-nāṭiḥ</td>
<td>الناطح</td>
<td>[1] That which butts or gores: α Arietis. A large star at the top of the head of the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Aries. ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī aligns al-nāṭiḥ with this star, while Ibn Qutaybah and other anwāʿ-authors align the name with two stars in the constellation Aries, those also called al-sharaṭān (βγ Arietis). In Chapter Five the name is illustrated with a single star, indicating that α Arietis is intended. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 88 nos. 198–9.</td>
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<td>al-nawāṣī</td>
<td>النواصي</td>
<td>The forelocks: Unidentified. The name of a 1.7 no. 19 star-group or comet/meteor said to consist of two stars with three obscure ones behind, transversing the heavens every 103 and 1/2 solar years. Hermes is said to have called it al-nawāṣī (according to the later copies D, B, M), while the earlier copy A writes the name as al-nawāṣīr (fistulas). It also had the name al-mukhālaṭ (the infected). Neither name is found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is illustrated with two stars having below them a row of three. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-nawk</td>
<td>النول</td>
<td>The weaving loom: The constellation of 1.1 (diagr. 1) Sagittae. It is a name given the constellation 1.3 in the 'old' or 'Ma’mūnian' translation of the Almagest made before that by al-Hajjāj. In the diagram opening Chapter One, preserved in only one manuscript, the copyist has erroneously written the common word al-ghūl (the demon) instead of al-nawl. In Chapter Three, in the entry for Sagitta, the author may have intended the word al-nawl but erroneously wrote the Persian word al-nok, meaning a point or a nib; on the other hand, al-nok (or al-nawk) is mentioned by al-Bīrūnī as one of the alternative names for Sagitta. Sources: Kunitzsch 1974, 62, 184; Birūnī 1934, 71 sect. 160.</td>
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<td>nayyir al-fakkah</td>
<td>ناري الفلكة</td>
<td>The bright star of al-fakkah: α Coronae 1.4 no. 019 Borealis (Alphecca). The brightest and largest star of the constellation Corona Borealis, traditionally known as al-fakkah.</td>
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<td>al-nayzak</td>
<td>النيزك</td>
<td>Spear: A Persian term used for various unex- 1.6 plained celestial phenomena, including meteors, comets, and supernova. Sources: EP, art. 'Nūdājm' (P. Kunitzsch) and art. 'Kayd' (W. Hartner).</td>
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<td><strong>al-niyāt</strong></td>
<td>الباط</td>
<td>The arteries: Two obscure stars either side of Antares (α Scorpionis). This Bedouin term was aligned by 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī with two stars in the constellation of Scorpio, στ Scorpionis. In the diagram illustrating Lunar Mansion XVIII in Chapter Nine, α Scorpionis (al-qalb) is illustrated as one large star with two smaller stars either side, and similar representations occur in other Arabic sources. In copy A the word is written without diacritics, while the entry is missing from the other copies. Sources: For al-niyāt, see Kunitzsch 1961, 89 no. 205; for representations in other Arabic sources, Savage-Smith and Smith 2004, 249; Ackermann 2004, 160.</td>
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<td><strong>al-niẓām</strong></td>
<td>النظام</td>
<td>A string of pearls: δεζ Orionis. An alternative name in the Bedouin tradition for the three stars forming the famous asterism of the Belt of Orion. In Chapter Five it is illustrated by three stars in a triangular arrangement and said to be located after al-nuddām, an unidentified star said to be located after al-maḥāmil, usually identified as ζγηα Leonis. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 89 no. 207; Savage-Smith 1985, 191.</td>
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<td><strong>al-nok</strong></td>
<td>A pointed tip or nib: The constellation of Hagitt, the Persian name al-nok, meaning a pointed tip or a nib, was occasionally given to the constellation Sagitt. It is also possible that the word is an error for the early Arabic term al-nawl (the weaving loom) that was applied to Sagitt in the diagram opening Chapter One. Sources: Steingass 1892, 1435; Birüni 1934, 71 sect. 160.</td>
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<td><strong>al-nuddām</strong></td>
<td>الندم</td>
<td>The repentant ones: Unidentified. The name al-nuddām has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with two stars and is said to be located after al-maḥāmil. The latter was an alternative name for al-jabnah (the forehead of the lion), which corresponds to four stars in Leo (ζηα Leonis). Sources: For al-jabnah, Kunitzsch 1961, 61 no. 103a; for al-maḥāmil, Kunitzsch 1983, 72–3 no. N14.</td>
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<td>النطار</td>
<td>The guards: Unidentified. It is illustrated as three stars in a triangular arrangement. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. In the copy A, the name is written as al-bakkārah (a set of pulleys), but without diacritics so that the first letter could be read differently. In the later copies (D, B, M) the name is clearly written as al-nuṭṭār.</td>
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<td>q-ʿ-r</td>
<td>قَرُّ</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for β Aurigae, a 1.4 no. 009 star in Auriga (Menkalinam). The ‘Persian’ name q-ʿ-r resembles the name al-ʿ-r (with the article al- added) given in similar Hermetic lists of stars to α Aurigae rather than to β Aurigae. Source: For al-ʿ-r, Kunitzsch 2001, 37 and 26.</td>
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<td>q-l-m-ṣ</td>
<td>قَلَصُ</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for α Lyrae (Vega), 1.4 no. 024 a star in the constellation Lyra that is the fifth brightest star of the heavens. The name is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>القبائل</td>
<td><strong>The tribes:</strong> Unidentified. The name has not 1.5 no. 060 been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated in Chapter Five with four stars arranged in a square; no further information is given.</td>
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<td>qābis</td>
<td>قَابِسُ</td>
<td><strong>A seeker of fire or knowledge:</strong> Unidentified. 1.3 One of eleven stars said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph.</td>
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<td>qadam al-jāthī</td>
<td>قَدَمِ الجَاثِيَ</td>
<td><strong>The foot of the kneeling man:</strong> Uncertain 1.5 no. 227 identification. The ‘foot of the kneeling man’ must be one or more stars on one of the feet of the constellation Hercules, which was known as ‘the kneeling man’ (al-jāthī). It is illustrated with a pair of stars. In the <em>Almagest</em> translation made by al-Hajjāj, the word qadam is used in describing both the twentieth star (of uncertain astronomical identification) in the constellation of Hercules and a star following the twentieth-eighth star which was actually assigned to Boötes (ν¹² Boötis). Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 234–5 nos. 87 and 93.</td>
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<td>قَدَمِي السَّرَطان</td>
<td><strong>The two feet [claws] of the crab:</strong> Unidentified; possibly ει Carinae. Suhayl is the star Canopus in 1.5 no. 104 the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Argo Navis (α Carinae). The ‘feet of suhayl’ are mentioned in the anwāʾ-litterature, but their precise identification is uncertain. In Chapter Five, the name is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the second row of northern star-names, with no stars illustrated. In Chapter Nine, in the map of Lunar Mansion XI, it is illustrated with a pair of stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 40 no. 23 and 90 no. 210.</td>
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<td>قَدِيِ السُّهايْل</td>
<td><strong>The two feet of suhayl:</strong> Unidentified; possibly ει Carinae. Suhayl is the star Canopus in 1.5 no. 116 the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Argo Navis (α Carinae). The ‘feet of suhayl’ are mentioned in the anwāʾ-litterature, but their precise identification is uncertain. In Chapter Five, the name is written vertically in the left-hand margin alongside the second row of northern star-names, with no stars illustrated. In Chapter Nine, in the map of Lunar Mansion XI, it is illustrated with a pair of stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 40 no. 23 and 90 no. 210.</td>
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<td>qafazāt al-ẓibāʾ</td>
<td>ﻗُﻓَزَّةُ ﺍﻟْﻴِﺑَاءِ</td>
<td>The leaps of the gazelles: μ + λμ + νξ Ursa Majoris. Twin stars in each of the three prominently depicted feet of Ursa Major were identified as representing the leaps of the gazelle in the Bedouin constellation. In Chapter Five, only one pair of stars is illustrated, and the same is true for Chapter Nine (and also the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 11a). In MS CB the name is written without any diacritical dots which allows for other interpretations, while in the Book of Curiosities, the name in Chapter Nine is written as al-baqarāt, a spelling that occurs in a few manuscripts of anwāʾ-treatises during discussion of Lunar Mansion XI. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XI in MS CB, fol. 12a, the name is written as al-faqarāt (vertebrae), which is an attested star-name, but one that refers to stars in the constellation Scorpio, far from this Lunar Mansion. The star group does not appear in the equivalent diagram for Lunar Mansion XI in the Book of Curiosities. The reading of al-qafazāt is confirmed by the text by Aḥmad ibn Fāris, who specified that it is qafazāt al-ẓibāʾ. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 90 no. 211b; Kunitzsch 1983, 53 no. 211b; Forcada 2000, 194; Qaddūri 2005, 90.</td>
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<td>al-qāʾid</td>
<td>القائد</td>
<td>[1] The commander, leader: Unidentified. The name of a star or comet/meteor on a hundred-year orbit, near the orbit of Saturn. It is stated that Hermes was responsible for the additional names of al-qāʾid and al-rāmī. The text says that it was also known as al-zimām. None of the names are found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is illustrated by a long funnel-like formation and described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsāmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>qāʾid al-ʿanz</td>
<td>قائد العنز</td>
<td>[1] The leader of the goat: η Ursae Majoris. An otherwise unattested name for the star at the tip of the tail of Ursa Major. The usual term for it is simply al-qāʾid (the leader). The occurrence al-ʿanz (of the goat) is here unexplained and not recorded in the published literature. The star is also said to be called al-qarn (the horn).</td>
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<td>qāʾid al-ʿanz</td>
<td>نقيد العنز</td>
<td>[2] The leader of the goat: Unidentified. 1.9 (XXVI)</td>
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<td>الهق</td>
<td>An otherwise unattested star-name. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVI in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as a single star south of the lunar mansion. In the same area of a comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 25a, there is also a single star, but labelled kalb al-ʿanz (the dog of the goat), also an unattested star-name. Given the context of Lunar Mansion XXVI, it cannot refer to the same star at the tip of the tail of Ursa Major (η Ursae Majoris).</td>
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<td>منقيد النعمة</td>
<td>The leader of al-taḥīyah: Unidentified. 1.9 (VI)</td>
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<td>النقيض</td>
<td>This star-name is otherwise unattested. The star occurs only in the star map for Lunar Mansion VI, and is not mentioned in the accompanying text in Chapter Nine. It is, however, also illustrated and labelled on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a, where it is shown as a single star.</td>
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<td>al-qāʾim</td>
<td>القائم</td>
<td>The upright: Unidentified. The name of this star-group, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is illustrated by a single large star surrounded by six smaller stars (or in copy M by seven smaller stars). Its path is said to follow that of al-shiʿrá al-sha⁠ʾmīyah (Procyon) or (according to the later copies) al-shiʿrá al-yamāniyah (Sirius), and to traverse its orbit every 100 years. Hermes is said to have called it al-hattāk (the ripper). It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-qalaʾiṣ</td>
<td>العلائيش</td>
<td>The young camels: The open cluster called the Hyades—five stars on the face of Taurus (γδθ1,2αε Tauri). In Chapter Five, they are illustrated with five stars, though the star-group was annotated arbaʿah (four). However, in Chapter Nine they appear to be considered a star-group distinct from Lunar Mansion IV (which was often interpreted as being the Hyades). In Chapter Nine they are illustrated with three stars, though in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 5a, they are shown as six stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 91 no. 214; Kunitzsch 1983, 54 no. 214.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 077 1.9 (IV)</td>
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<td>al-qalb</td>
<td>القلب</td>
<td>[1] The heart: Unidentified as a southern asterism. In Chapter Five it is included amongst the southern stars and is illustrated with a ring of eight stars. It is stated to be located between al-abnāʾ (an unidentified star-group) and al-khibāʾ (the tent), usually interpreted as stars comprising the constellation Corvus. In Arabic star lore, al-qalb (the heart) is normally associated with a large single star in the zodiacal constellation of Scorpio (α Scorpionis). Source: For al-qalb as α Scorpionis, see Kunitzsch 1961, 91 no. 216.</td>
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<td>al-qalb</td>
<td>القلب</td>
<td>[2] The heart: Lunar Mansion XVIII; α Scorpionis. This Lunar mansion was usually said to consist of a single star (Antares), the sixteenth brightest star in the heavens. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVIII in Chapter Nine it is illustrated by three stars, with the middle one only slightly larger than the other two; the accompanying text states that it is a single star located between two obscure stars called al-niyāt (the arteries), but projecting slightly to the north. Similar representations occur in other Arabic sources. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 91 no. 216a; Savage-Smith 1985, 129; for similar representations, Savage-Smith and Smith 2004, 249; Ackermann 2004, 160.</td>
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<td>qalb al-ʿaqrab</td>
<td>قلب العقرب</td>
<td>The heart of the scorpion: α Scorpionis (Antares). The Arabic name of the bright red star of Antares (the heart of the scorpion) also gave its name to Lunar Mansion XVIII. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 169 no. 110; Kunitzsch 1961, 91 no. 216a/b; Savage-Smith 1985, 177.</td>
<td>1.3 no. 022</td>
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<td>qalb al-asad</td>
<td>قلب الأسد</td>
<td>The heart of the lion: α Leonis (Regulus). This common designation for the bright star Regulus follows the Greek-Ptolemaic tradition of nomenclature. In the Arab Bedouin tradition the star did not have its own distinctive name, but was simply one of the four stars comprising Lunar Mansion X (αζγη Leonis). A number of airwāʾ-authors, however, do state that the name qalb al-asad was given to the southern bright first-magnitude star of the group (that is, α Leonis), sometimes adding that it was 'scientific astronomers' (munajjimīn) who used that term for the star. In Chapter Two it is listed amongst the bābānīyah stars whose longitude is in the sign of Leo, and in Chapter Four amongst the Hermetic 'thirty bright stars'. Sources: Kunitzsch 1985, 92 G26; Savage-Smith 1985, 172.</td>
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<td>qalb al-thawr</td>
<td>قلب الثور</td>
<td>The heart of the bull: α Tauri (Aldebaran). 1.9 (IV) This is an alternative name for the more common name of al-dabaran.</td>
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<td>qanṭūrus</td>
<td>قطروس</td>
<td>₪αντβωςος, a centaur: Centaurus. The Greek name for the southern constellation of Centaurus, transliterated as qanṭūrus.</td>
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<td>al-qārī</td>
<td>القاري</td>
<td>Pitch-like: η Ursae Majoris or Flam. 12, α 1.9 (XII, XIII) Canum Venaticorum (?). The name al-qārī is in some anwā’s-writings mentioned in connection with Lunar Mansion XII and used apparently as an alternative name for the more common al-qāʾid (the leader), which was the Bedouin name for last star in the tail of Ursa Major (ς Ursae Majoris). The fact that in the diagram illustrating Lunar Mansion XII in Chapter Nine, both the name al-qārī and kabid al-asad are written either side of a single star suggests that the author or copyist considered them to be the same star. The lion’s liver was a name given by Bedouins to a small star that was one of the two external stars of Ursa Major (Flam. 12, α Canum Venaticorum). Its Arabic name reflects the image of a large lion chasing the deer whose ‘leaps’ are formed by the twin stars in the feet of the Great Bear. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 13a, three stars are labelled kabid al-asad and there is no mention of al-qārī.</td>
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<td>al-qarn</td>
<td>القرن</td>
<td>The horn: η Ursae Majoris. It is said to be an alternative name for qaʾid al-ʿanz (the leader of the goat), a name for the star at the tip of the tail of Ursa Major. The use of this name in the context of a star in Ursa Major is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>qarqilus</td>
<td>قرقص</td>
<td>₪καρκίνος, a crab: Cancer. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Cancer, transliterated as q-r-q-l-s in the early copy A, and as f-r-f-y-s in the later copies.</td>
<td>1.2 (Cancer)</td>
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<td>Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 190.</td>
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<td>qaṣabat al-ḥamal</td>
<td>قصبة الحمل</td>
<td>The windpipe of the ram: Unidentified. The otherwise undocumented star-name is illustrated as two stars to the north of Lunar Mansion I, nearby a star-named al-khaṣāṣ.</td>
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<td>al-qaṣʿah</td>
<td>تَقْصِعَةُ</td>
<td>The bowl, or vessel: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. The name corresponds to the name πίθος (a large wine jar) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The comet-name al-qaṣʿah seems to be continued in later Arabic/Persian sources, although E. S. Kennedy reads the name as qasaʾī (dwarfed). The comparable comet-name in early Latin treatises is scutella. In a similar text, Ibn Hibintā gives the comet the same name, al-qaṣʿah, though it has been read by E. S. Kennedy as al-ʿaṣāh (the stick). Sources: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:363 and 2:141; for late-antique equivalents, Tannery 1920, 4:356 and Pl. II; for possible later Arabic usage, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 2 in list; for scutella, Thorndike 1950, 25 and 43; for al-ʿaṣāh, Kennedy 1957, 44.</td>
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<td>qaṣʿat</td>
<td>قَصَعَةُ المَسَأْكِين</td>
<td>The dish of the poor: Corona Borealis. This is an alternative Bedouin name given the constellation of Corona Borealis, more commonly known as al-fakkah. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 92 no. 221a; Kunitzsch 1983, 54 no. 221a; Savage-Smith 1985, 142.</td>
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<td>al-masākin</td>
<td>العَوْدَةُ</td>
<td>See al-ʿunqūd.</td>
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<td>al-qaws</td>
<td>القَوْسُ</td>
<td>The bow: Sagittarius. The traditional Arabic name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Sagittarius. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 192.</td>
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<td>qayṭūs</td>
<td>قِطْطُوسُ, a sea-monster or huge fish: Cetus. The Greek name for the southern constellation of Cetus, transliterated as qayṭūs. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 194.</td>
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<td>al-qidr</td>
<td>الْقَدْرُ</td>
<td>The cooking pot: ηθ Cephei + others nearby. According to 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī, Arabs traditionally gave the name al-qidr to a wide circle of dark stars that lay between αβ in Cepheus (two bright stars on the shoulders of the figure) and the end of the right wing of Cygnus overhead and in line with the square of stars on the body of Draco and the tail of the swan Cygnus. This circle of stars would include ηθ Cephei. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a ring of nine stars, while in Chapter Nine it is illustrated with a row of three stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 94 no. 228; Kunitzsch 1983, 17–18 and Ni6.</td>
<td>1.5 nos. 009, 010, 011 1.9 (VII)</td>
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**al-qilādah**

The necklace: ξιτσιράν Sagittarii. Six stars in a curve in the constellation of Sagittarius were traditionally called 'the necklace'. In Chapter Five they are illustrated with seven stars in a ring, while in Chapter Nine they are illustrated with eight stars (in both diagrams for Lunar Mansion XV and Lunar Mansion XXI). The text for Lunar Mansion XXI states that three of these six stars are of the fourth magnitude and are called al-aḥmirah (the donkeys), while the other three stars are of fifth magnitude and are called al-aʿyār (the wild asses).


**qīqāʾūs**

Cepheus: Cepheus. The Greek name for the northern constellation of Cepheus, transliterated as qīqāʾūs (or fifāʾūs). The classical constellation of Cepheus was commonly called qīqāʾūs, an Arabic version of the Greek name Cepheus.


**qiṭʿat al-faras**

See muʾakhkhar al-faras.

**qriyūs**

Aries. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Aries, transliterated as qriyūs.

Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 189.

**al-qubbah**

The dome: Unidentified. Ibn Qutaybah said that al-qubbah was below the 'raised tail (al-shawlah) of the scorpion', but 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī said that the stars known by the name al-qubbah, arranged in a circle, were in fact the stars forming the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of the Southern Crown (Corona Australis). In Chapter Five, the asterism al-qubbah is illustrated with seven stars in a V-shaped arrangement. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine it is specified as comprising six stars, but in the accompanying diagram it is shown as ten stars in an elongated half-circle, while in the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 19a, it is illustrated as nine stars in a V-formation.

Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 95 no. 231; Savage-Smith 1985, 209.

**al-quds**

The sanctuary: Unidentified. In Chapter Five it is the name given in the three later copies (D, B, M) for a single star that in copy A is called al-faras (the horse). Neither the name al-quds nor al-faras has been found in the recorded sources as a star-name.

**al-qurḥah**

See al-farjah and al-farkhah.
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<td>qaṣabat al-ḥamal</td>
<td>قصبة الحمل</td>
<td>The windpipe of the ram: Unidentified. This unidentified star-group is not recorded as a star-name in other published literature. It is illustrated as a pair of stars on the 'map' of Lunar Mansion I, but it not illustrated in the similar diagram in MS CB, fol. 2a. Presumably it refers to two stars in the constellation of Aries, possibly including the relatively bright star numbered as the second external star (Flam. 41, e Arietis).</td>
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<td>r-y-a-b</td>
<td>رايب</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. One of 13 eleven stars (in addition to the Sun and Moon) said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph. The variant w-th-a-b occurs in Ṭabarī 1969, 15:555 (no. 18780), Ibn Kathīr 1987, 2:485, Dhahabī 1963, 1:572, and Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76).</td>
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<td>al-rāʾi</td>
<td>الراعي</td>
<td>[1] The shepherd: Unidentified. A shepherd was envisioned in several areas of the sky, including the constellations of Cepheus, Serpentarius (Ophiuchis), Orion, and Sagittarius. It is not stated which is intended. In the earliest copy (A), in Chapter Five, it is illustrated with two stars on a diagonal line, while in the later copies of this chapter (D, M, B), it is illustrated with three stars in a triangular formation. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XIX in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as a single star; given the position of Lunar Mansion XIX, 'the shepherd' in this context is presumably the one in on the head of the serpent charmer Serpentarius (α Ophiuchi, Ras Alhague). See also al-shāʾ wa-al-ghanam wa-al-rāʾi. Sources: For various stars named al-raʾi, Kunitzsch 1961, 96 nos. 235–238; Savage-Smith 1984, 153.</td>
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<td>al-rāʾi</td>
<td>الراعي</td>
<td>[2] The shepherd: α Piscis Austrini (Fomalhaut). Apparently an alternative name for the star traditionally called by Arabs 'the first frog' (al-ḍifdaʿ al-awwal), which is α Piscis Austrini, in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Aquarius. The early copy A reads 'the second frog' (al-ḍifdaʿ al-thānī), but the context and the later copy D support reading the text as al-ḍifdaʿ al-awwal. The use of al-rāʾi (the shepherd) for this star is otherwise undocumented.</td>
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<td>al-rāʾi</td>
<td>الراعي</td>
<td>[3] The shepherd [of the ostriches]: λ Sagittarii. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine, it is stated that the 'shepherd' is a star between and slightly to the north of the two groups of 'ostriches' forming Lunar Mansion XX. The modern λ Sagittarii is indeed in just that position. In the diagram accompanying the text, however, it is shown</td>
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<td>al-rajd</td>
<td>The tremble (?)</td>
<td>Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star and no further information is provided.</td>
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<td>al-rakibayn</td>
<td>The two riders:</td>
<td>Unidentified. It is the name of two stars on a twelve-year orbit, and it is stated that Hermes was responsible for the name al-rakibayn. It is not found elsewhere in the published literature. It is illustrated with two stars and described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawakib al-khafiyah dhawat al-hirab al-marsumah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-rami</td>
<td>The archer:</td>
<td>Unidentified. The name of a star or comet/meteor on a hundred-year orbit, near the orbit of Saturn. It is stated that Hermes was responsible for the additional names of al-qaid and al-rami. The text says that it was also known as al-zimam. None of the names are found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is illustrated by a long funnel-like formation and described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawakib al-khafiyah dhawat al-hirab al-marsumah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-dubb</td>
<td>The head of the bear:</td>
<td>Unidentified. The name presumably refers to some of the stars in the constellation of the Great Bear (Ursa Major). It is otherwise unattested as a star-name. In the accompanying text for Lunar Mansion VII in Chapter Nine, stars in and around the constellation Cepheus are mentioned under the star-name al-qidr, as well as the front northernmost star in the ‘bed’ of the banat našk (likely to be α Ursae Majoris). In the analogous diagram for Lunar Mansion VII in MS CB, fol. 8a, a line of three stars labelled al-qidr is illustrated with another line of three stars immediately beneath, and this lower line is labelled wa-huwa ra’s al-dubb (that is, the head of the bear). This suggests that the name ‘the head of the bear’ (ra’s al-dubb) is an alternative name for al-qidr (the cooking pot), usually identified as ηθ Cephei and others nearby.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-ghūl</td>
<td>رأس الغول</td>
<td>The head of the demon: β Persei (Algol). 1.2 (Taurus) The Arabic name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Perseus who holds an ogre's head by its hair. The largest star in the head of the ogre was called ra’s al-ghūl. In Chapter Five it is shown as one large star surrounded by three stars, and indeed in the constellation of Perseus the star Algol is surrounded by three smaller stars in the head of the demon. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 43 no. 34a; Kunitzsch 1983, 44 no. 34a, 95–6 no. G29; Savage-Smith 1985, 149.</td>
<td>1.5 no. 055 1.5 no. 055 1.9 (I)</td>
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<td>ra’s al-hawāris</td>
<td>رأس الحوار</td>
<td>See ra’s al-ḥawwā.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-ḥawwās</td>
<td>رأس الحورا</td>
<td>The head of the serpent charmer: α Ophiuchi (Ras Alhague). This name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation outline. The traditional Arab name was al-rāʿī (the shepherd). In Chapter Six, it is curiously illustrated with six stars, five in a row with one beneath. In the late copy M, it is written ra’s al-ḥawāris, which has not been found in any other recorded source. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 96–7 no. G30; Savage-Smith 1985, 153.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-jāthī</td>
<td>رأس الجاثي</td>
<td>The head of the kneeling man: α Herculis. 1.5 no. 208 The name reflects the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Hercules, who was known as 'the kneeling man' (al-jāthī). The traditional Bedouin name for this star was kalb al-rāʾī (the shepherd's dog).</td>
<td>1.5 no. 206 1.9 (XXVII)</td>
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<td>ra’s al-jawzā’</td>
<td>رأس الخوزاء</td>
<td>The head of al-jawza: An alternative name for Lunar Mansion V; λ φ¹φ² Orionis. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 97 no. 241.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-mar’ah</td>
<td>رأس المرأة</td>
<td>The head of the woman: α Andromedae. The star is shared between the head of the constellation Andromeda and the belly of the constellation of Pegasus. Andromeda was usually called in Arabic al-mar’ah al-musalsalah (the chained woman). In MS A of Chapter Two, the star is said to be a bābānīyah star, though the later copies refer to it only as a fixed star. In Chapter Four the star is included amongst the Hermetic 'thirty bright stars'. Source: Savage-Smith 1985, 159.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-nāqah</td>
<td>رأس الناقة</td>
<td><strong>1</strong> The head of the she-camel: <em>ικλ Andromæae</em>. One of the Bedouin traditions envisioned a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The head of this she-camel was usually aligned with three stars in Andromeda. The sources employed by the author of the <em>Book of Curiosities</em> imply that the asterism encompassed seven or nine stars. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with nine stars in a snake-like formation, although in the later copies it is illustrated with seven stars, and the name is written as <em>dā’irat al-nāqah</em> (the circle of the she-camel) or <em>dā’ir al-nāqah</em> (the revolving of the she-camel), both unrecorded as star-names. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVI in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as seven stars in a snake-like conformation; there is no comparable illustration in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 25a.</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> The head of the she-camel: Equuleus. In Chapter Three it is stated that ra’s al-nāqah is an Arab name for the constellation Equuleus.</td>
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<td>ra’s al-shujā’</td>
<td>رأس الشجاع</td>
<td>The head of the serpent: Unidentified; presumably some stars in or around the constellation of Hydra. One recorded <em>anwā’</em>-author (Ibn Mammātī, d. 606/1209) mentions a star-group named ra’s al-shujā’ in connection with Lunar Mansion VIII, but gives no further details. An earlier <em>anwā’</em>-author, Aḥmad ibn Fāris (fl. 371/982), in connection with Lunar Mansion IX states that ra’s al-shujā’ is an alternative name for al-ʿadhārā (the virgins), which have been identified as ο1,2δεη Canis Majoris. In Chapter Nine, however, ra’s al-shujā’ is illustrated as a pair of stars beneath a different pair of stars labelled al-ʿadhārā. The star-group ra’s al-shujā’ is not shown on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 9a.</td>
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<td>رأس التوأم المؤخر</td>
<td>The head of the rear twin: β Geminorum (Pollux). The star in the face of the eastern twin forming half of the constellation of Gemini.</td>
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Sources:
- For various star-names associated with this camel, Kunitzsch 1961, 85 no. 190; Kunitzsch 1983, 49 no. 136b and 90 no. G22.
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<td>The head of the forward twin: α Geminorum (Castor). The star in the head of the western-most twin forming part of the constellation of Gemini. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 195 no. 161; Savage-Smith 1992, Table 2.1; Savage-Smith 1985, 168.</td>
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<td>رأس الثعبان</td>
<td>The head of the snake: Unidentified. It is illustrated with six stars in a V-formation, tilted to one side. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources.</td>
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<td>al-rawḍah</td>
<td>راية السياك</td>
<td>The standard of al-simāk al-rāmih: Uncertain identity. In the illustration of Lunar Mansion XIV in Chapter Nine it is illustrated with two stars. The name was applied by Ibn Qutaybah to a small star nearby al-simāk al-rāmih (α Boötis, Arcturus). ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī identified the star with the Ptolemaic star known today as ε Boötis. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 97 no. 245 and 112, no. 294; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 62</td>
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<td>rāyat al-simāk al-rāmiḥ</td>
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<td>The young ostriches: Unidentified. The young ostriches are illustrated in Chapter Five with four stars, while in the illustration for Lunar Mansion XXII in Chapter Nine they are shown as a ring of ten stars (and on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 21a, a ring of eight stars). In other sources, young ostriches (al-riʾāl) are said to be between two bright stars, each called ‘the male ostrich’ (al-zalīm): α Piscis Austrini and α Eridani rather than θ Eridani. The former was at the end of the stream of water in Aquarius (and in the mouth of the Southern Fish) and the other in the end of the River (Eridanus). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 97–8 no. 246; Savage-Smith 1985, 192; for Bedouin knowledge of α Eridani, Kunitzsch 1977.</td>
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<td>al-riʾāl</td>
<td>الرئال</td>
<td>The young ostriches: Unidentified. A possible interpretation of the name for one of the eleven stars said to have been seen by the prophet Joseph. In Chapter Three it is written without diacritical dots. For the star seen by Joseph, the variant a-l-dh-y-a-l is given by Ṭabarī 1969, 15:555 (no. 18780), Dhahabī 1963, 1572, and Bayḍāwī (Beeston 1963, 76), and the variant a-l-d-y-a-l by Ibn Kathīr 1987, 2:485.</td>
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### Glossary of Star-Names

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<td>al-ridf</td>
<td>الدف</td>
<td><strong>The follower:</strong> α Cygni (Deneb). In the area of the constellation Cygnus, the Bedouin design (Aquarius) was of four horsemen formed of the four stars across the wings of the bird (βγδ Cygni) with a horseman riding behind (‘the follower’ al-ridf) represented by the very large star at the base of the tail. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 98 no. 248; Savage-Smith 1985, 146.</td>
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<td>al-rijl</td>
<td>الرجل</td>
<td><strong>The foot:</strong> Uncertain identity; ι Aurigae (?). The name is illustrated with three stars and is said to be ‘under the Milky Way’. Given the sequence of stars presented in Chapter Five, however, this name may be a short form of rijl al-‘ayyūq (the foot of ‘ayyūq), although the latter is a single star (ι Aurigae) below al-‘ayyūq (α Aurigae, Capella). Sources: ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1956, 37; Kunitzsch 1961, 98 no. 250; Kunitzsch 1983, 56 no. 250.</td>
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<td>rijl al-‘ayyūq</td>
<td>رجل العين</td>
<td><strong>The foot of al-‘ayyūq:</strong> ι Aurigae + one or two (?). ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī, as well as Ibn Qutaybah, said that below al-‘ayyūq (α Aurigae, Capella) there was a star that was called rijl al-‘ayyūq; this has been aligned with ι Aurigae. In Chapter Nine, however, the text clearly speaks of two small stars which are called the two feet of al-‘ayyūq (rijlā al-‘ayyūq), while in the accompanying diagram it is illustrated with three stars in a triangular arrangement and labeled in the singular rijl al-‘ayyūq. Sources: ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Ṣūfī 1956, 37; Kunitzsch 1961, 98 no. 250; Kunitzsch 1983, 56 no. 250.</td>
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<td>rijl al-jabbār</td>
<td>رجل الجبار</td>
<td><strong>The foot of the giant:</strong> β Orionis. The name rijl al-jabbār is an alternative form of rijl al-jawzāʾ. It was usually identified with a single star, that of β Orionis (Rigel), the seventh brightest star of the heavens. In Chapter Nine, for Lunar Mansion VI, it is illustrated with a single star, as also in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a; however, in MS CB it is illustrated and labelled twice, once with southern stars and once with northern ones. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 98–9, no. 251a/b; Savage-Smith 1985, 191.</td>
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<td>rijl al-jawzāʾ</td>
<td>رجل الجزاء</td>
<td><strong>The foot of al-jawzāʾ:</strong> β Orionis + x Orionis (?). The foot of al-jawzāʾ is usually identified with just one star, that of β Orionis (Rigel), the seventh brightest star of the heavens. In Chapter Five, however, it is illustrated with two stars, and since the anwāʾ-tradition speaks of ‘the two feet’ of al-jawzāʾ (rijlā al-jawzāʾ) as applying to both β Orionis and x Orionis, it is likely that both are intended in the reference in Chapter Five. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 98–9, no. 251a/b; Savage-Smith 1985, 191.</td>
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<td>rijl yumná fī al-faras</td>
<td>الرجل اليمنى في الفرس</td>
<td>The right foot of the horse: $\alpha$ Centauri (Rigel Kent). The star is on the right foremost foot of the half-human, half-horse Centaur. The term given in Chapter Four is unusual, but a comparison with other fragments suggest that $\alpha$ Centauri is the correct interpretation. It is possible that instead of the phrase ‘in the horse’ ($fī$ al-faras), the original from which the material was extracted read $fī$ al-qaws (in Sagittarius), meaning that the longitude of the star would have been given in terms of the house of Sagittarius.</td>
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<td>al-rijl al-yusrá min al-jawzāʾ</td>
<td>الريح السري من الجوزاء</td>
<td>The left foot of al-jawzāʾ: $\beta$ Orionis (Rigel). Sources: Savage-Smith 1985, 191; Kunitzsch 1959, no. 164</td>
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<td>al-rishāʾ</td>
<td>رشاء</td>
<td>[1] The Rope: $\beta$ Andromedae (Mirach) + 18 (?) other stars. $Rishā'$ was but one of several names for Lunar Mansion XXVIII. It was applied to the star on the south side of the waist of Andromeda and was designated to be a rope used for the leather bucket (composed of the asterism of the Great Square of Pegasus) envisioned in the area of Pegasus. However, in Chapter Five it is shown as five stars arranged in an arc. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVI, it is illustrated as an elongated half-circle of nine stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 99 no. 252; Savage-Smith 1985, 132.</td>
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<td>rishāʾ</td>
<td>رشاء</td>
<td>[2] The rope: Lunar Mansion XXVIII; $\beta$ Andromedae + 18 (?) other stars. $Rishā'$ was but one of several names for Lunar Mansion XXVIII. It was applied to the star on the south side of the waist of Andromeda and was designated to be a rope used for the leather bucket envisioned in the area of Pegasus. In the opening diagram of Chapter One, Lunar Mansion XXVIII is shown as consisting of multiple stars, possibly eight; the number of stars on the diagram, however, is unclear because of offset from the facing page which has left extra red dots in the space allotted to $rishā'$. In Chapter Nine (where the name $baṭn$ al-ḥūt is used rather than $rishā'$), our author states that the lunar mansion consists of 18 stars, and in the accompanying diagram it is illustrated by a ring of 14 stars, one of which is larger than the rest. Our author is unusual, if not unique, in having Lunar Mansion XXVIII composed not of the single star but of several stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 99 no. 252; Savage-Smith 1985, 132.</td>
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<td>al-ruba'</td>
<td>نع</td>
<td>The young camel: Unidentified. A very small star (not now identified with certainty) was said to be a 'young camel' (al-ruba') in the midst of four 'camel-mothers' (al-ʿawāʾidh), located near the eye of the constellation Draco (νξξ Η Draconis). In Chapter Five it is illustrated with two stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 99 no. 253; Savage-Smith 1985, 138.</td>
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<td>al-rudn</td>
<td>نردن</td>
<td>The sleeve: Unidentified. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion I in chapter Nine, it is said to be the 'indicator star' of Lunar Mansion I and 'alongside [or part of?] the Pleiades'. The star-named al-rudn is not illustrated in the accompanying diagram in the Book of Curiosities, though in MS CB, fol. 2a, it is shown as a single star and there is a similar reading of the star-name. It is possible that there has been some confusion with the word al-zand, for zand al-thurayyā (the forearm of al-thurayyā) was by Aḥmad ibn Fāris said to be a bright star that rose in the north with Lunar Mansion I, apparently referring to a star in the Bedouin image of a woman (named al-thurayyā) whose hand of her right arm was visualised as spreading out towards Cassiopeia. Sources: Forcada 2000, 192; Kunitzsch 1983, 83 N30.</td>
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<td>al-rukbatān</td>
<td>نركباتن</td>
<td>The two knees: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five, no. 098, it is illustrated with three stars. No further information is given.</td>
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<td>al-rumḥ</td>
<td>الرمح</td>
<td>The lance: Unidentified. The name of a comet/meteor that by Hermes was called al-rumḥ, according to the earlier copy A. The later copies D, B, M give the name as al-rāmīḥ (the lancer). It is said to have three distinct tails, and it is illustrated as a single bulbous star with three tails. Neither name has been found elsewhere in the published literature in the context of stars or comets. It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-hirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>s-k-d-w-l</td>
<td>سكدول</td>
<td>A so-called 'Persian' name for α Tauri (Aldebaran). The name s-k-d-w-l is strikingly similar to the name s-x-d-w-l given to α Cygni in similar Hermetic lists of star-names (see Kunitzsch 2001, 34).</td>
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<td>s-l-h-b</td>
<td>سلبم</td>
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<td>سردب</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for α Geminorum (Castor), the star in the head of the westernmost twin forming part of the constellation of Gemini. In Chapter Four the ‘Persian’ name is given as s-r-d-b or s-r-d-t, with the last letter uncertain. In an Arabic fragment of a list of Hermetic stars, the Pahlavi (Middle-Persian) name is given as s-r-s-x-m. Source: Kunitzsch 2001, 35 and 66.</td>
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<td>s-r-h-w-b</td>
<td>سرخوب</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ star-name for β Librae, a large star in the constellation of Libra. The name is otherwise attested. The ‘Persian’ name s-r-h-w-b could be interpreted as a form of the Persian sar-khwāb meaning the first sleep. In an Arabic fragment of a similar list of Hermetic stars, the Pahlavi (Middle-Persian) name is given as b-r-h-a-d. Sources: Kunitzsch 2001, 35 and 66; for sar-khwāb, Steingass 1892, 672.</td>
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<td>al-sabʿ</td>
<td>السبع</td>
<td>The wild beast: Lupus. The constellation Lupus was the animal that was carried by the centaur (Centaurus). It was thought to be a cross between a wolf and a hyena and hence not an edible animal. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 202–3.</td>
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<td>sabʿ al-baḥr</td>
<td>سبع البحر</td>
<td>A beast of the sea: Cetus. An alternative name for the southern constellation of Cetus, given in the al-Ḥajjaj translation of the Almagest. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 194.</td>
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<td>الساق الأول</td>
<td>The first racing horse: ζ Ophiuchi (?). Two stars were designated by anwāʾ-writers as ‘the two racing horses’ (sābiqān), and these have been identified as ζη Ophiuchi. It is likely that in the context of Lunar Mansion XVII, ζ Ophiuchi is intended as ‘the first racing horse’. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 56–7 no. 256.</td>
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<td>saʿd-stars</td>
<td>[obscure meaning; omen stars?]</td>
<td>There were ten star-groups traditionally called saʿd-stars. The word saʿd is of such ancient origin that by the time it was recorded by ninth-century Arabic authors, its significance was lost; a possible interpretation would be 'omen', Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 100–3 nos. 257.1–257.10; Kunitzsch 1983, 112, no. 257.</td>
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<td>saʿd al-akhbiyah</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of the tents (?):</td>
<td>1.1 (diagr. 1) Lunar Mansion XXV; γπζη Aquarii. If saʿd is rendered as 'omen', then Lunar Mansion XXV (Aquarius) could be translated as 'the omen of the tents'. The name was occasionally shortened to al-akhbiyah, as on the diagram opening Chapter One. It consists of the four stars in the constellation Aquarius forming a small Y-shaped asterism today called the Water Jar. They form a triangle with one star in the middle, and that middle star (ζ Aquarii) is one of the finest doubles in the sky. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXV in Chapter Nine, our author appears to be unique it taking only two of the stars (presumably ηζ Aquarii) for the lunar mansion (or saʿd) itself and the other two for the 'tents'; if the identification is correct, the author has become confused regarding the direction of the other two (γπ Aquarii), for they are to the west of the first two (and only one is south of the first two). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 100 no. 257.1; Savage-Smith 1985, 131.</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of elegance (?)</td>
<td>1.5 no. 157 9ν Pegasi. The name saʿd al-bahā' occurs in the text of Chapter Nine for Lunar Mansion XXII, as well as the accompanying diagram. In Chapter Five, it is either a scribal error or yet another variant of a star-name that is recorded in several different forms, most commonly saʿd al-bihām (the omen of the young animals, 9ν Pegasi). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 100–1 no. 257.2a/b; Kunitzsch 1983, 57 no. 257; Savage-Smith 1985, 159.</td>
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<td>saʿd al-bula'</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of the devourer, or swallower (?)</td>
<td>1.1 (diagr. 1) Lunar Mansion XXIII; εv Aquarii. If saʿd is rendered as 'omen', then Lunar Mansion XXIII could be translated as 'the omen of the devourer or swallower'. The full name of this Lunar mansion was saʿd al-bula', though it was not unusual for the shortened form, al-bula', to be used (as on the diagram opening Chapter One). It refers to two stars in the constellation of Aquarius (εv Aquarii). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 101 no. 257.4.</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of excellence (?): λμ Pegasi. In the discussion of Lunar Mansion XXV in Chapter Nine, they are said to rise to the south of the lunar mansion. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 101 no. 257:3; Kunitzsch 1983, 57 no. 257.</td>
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<td>saʿd al-dhābiḥ</td>
<td>سعد الداقيم</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] ‘the omen of the sacrificer’ (?): Lunar Mansion XXII; α1,2β Capricorni + ν Capricorni. If saʿd is rendered as ‘omen’, then Lunar Mansion XXII could be rendered as ‘the omen of the sacrificer’. The full name of this Lunar mansion was saʿd al-dhābiḥ, though it was not unusual for the shortened form, al-dhābiḥ, to be used (as on the diagram opening Chapter One). It was usually said to consist of two stars in the constellation of Capricorn whose modern identification is α2 Capricorni, with α Capricorni being a double star. In Chapter Nine, however, our author, includes a third star in his definition of Lunar Mansion XXII, a small star (ν Capricorni) nearby the northern of the two stars. This smaller star was called by Bedouins the sheep (shāʾ) which was sacrificed. A similar definition using three stars is found in the anwāʾ-treatise by Ahmad ibn Muḥammad al-Yaḥṣābī al-Qurṭubī. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 101–2 no. 257,5; Savage-Smith 1985, 130–1; for al-Qurṭubī, Qaddūrī 2005, 93.</td>
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<td>saʿd al-humām</td>
<td>سعد الهسام</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of the hero, or, The omen of sleet and hail (?): ζξ Pegasi. In Chapter Five, however, this saʿd group is illustrated in all copies with three instead of two stars. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXIV in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated as a pair. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 102 no. 257,6a; Savage-Smith 1985, 159.</td>
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<td>saʿd al-malik</td>
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<td>[obscure meaning] The royal omen (?): αξ Aquarius. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 100–3 no. 257, esp. 102 no. 257,7; Savage-Smith 1985, 183.</td>
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<td>saʿd maṭar</td>
<td>سعد مطر</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of rain (?): 1.5 no. 159 ς Pegasi. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, p. 102 no. 257,8; Savage-Smith 1985, 159.</td>
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<td>saʿd nāshirah</td>
<td>سعد ناشيرة</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of fertility (?): 1.5 no. 158 γδ Capricorni. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 102–3 no. 257,9; Savage-Smith 1985, 183.</td>
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<td>saʿd al-suʿūd</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] The omen of good fortune (?)</td>
<td>Lunar Mansion XXIV; βξ Aquarii + c¹ Capricorni. If saʿd is rendered as ‘omen’, (Capricorn, then Lunar Mansion XXIV could be translated as ‘omen of good fortune’. The name was occasionally shortened to al-suʿūd, as on the diagram opening Chapter One. It was applied to two stars on the west shoulder of Aquarius and a third star in the end of the tail of Capricorn. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 103 no. 257,10; Savage-Smith 1985, 131.</td>
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<td>al-ṣādirah</td>
<td>The arriving [ostriches]: γδεη Sagittarii. The name ‘the ostriches (al-naʿāʾim)’ was applied to eight stars in the constellation of Sagittarius, four on either side of the Milky Way. In the Bedouin tradition the Milky Way was viewed as a river, with one group of four ostriches going toward the river and another group of four leaving the river on the other side. The arriving (al-ṣādirah) ostriches are γδεη Sagittarii, illustrated in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine with four stars arranged in a square; an identical arrangement is found in MS CB fol. 19a. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 83, nos. 179–83; Savage-Smith 1985, 130.</td>
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<td>șadr al-asad</td>
<td>The chest of the lion: α Leonis (?). The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated in Chapter Five with a single star, and its name reflects the Bedouin image of a large lion in this area. The star is possibly α Leonis, which had no individual name in the Arabic star lore but was one of the four stars comprising Lunar Mansion X. In Chapter Five it is also stated that it is a red star below a star called al-ṣarfah, which was the Arab traditional name for the star in the tail of the constellation Leo (β Leonis). Source: For Lunar Mansion X, Kunitzsch 1961, 61, no. 103a/b.</td>
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<td>al-safīnah</td>
<td>[1] The ship: Argo Navis. The area covered by the classical constellation of Argo Navis is today usually divided into four constellations: Carina (the keel), Puppis (the stern), Vela (the sail), and Pyxis (the mariner’s compass). Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 198.</td>
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<td>السفينة</td>
<td>[2] The ship: Unidentified. The asterism is illustrated in Chapter Five with a ring of eleven stars. In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion X, however, it is shown as thirteen stars in a ring, with the analogous diagram for Lunar Mansion X in MS CB, fol. 11a, representing it by nineteen stars arranged in an irregular rectangular pattern. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXVIII in chapter Nine, it is illustrated with an intricate design of twenty-one stars (with no equivalent star-group on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 27a). The only Bedouin account of a ship in the sky places the ship in an area extending from under the stars forming al-dabw (the bucket; δγβα Pegasi) to saʿd al-suʿūd (Lunar Mansion XXIV, βξ Aquarii + c1 Capricornii), with its bow on the ‘anterior frog’ (α Piscis Austrini) and its stern on the ‘posterior frog’ (β Ceti). This appears an impossible arrangement and is nowhere near the Ptolemaic constellation Argo. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī dismissed this tradition, saying ‘but those who say this knew neither al-safīnah (the ship) nor al-suʿūd nor the two frogs; but God is wisest and knows best.’ Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 104–5 no. 259; ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1956, 303; Savage-Smith 1985, 199.</td>
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<td>al-saffūd</td>
<td>السفود</td>
<td>The skewer: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. This name may correspond to the name δοκίας (a beam or a poker) found in late-antique Greek lists of ten comets. The Greek term δοκός or δοκίς was also applied to auroral phenomena. There is no comparable early Latin comet-name. There is no comparable discussion in Ibn Hibintā. Sources: For late-antique equivalents, Tannery 1920, 4:356 and Pl. II; for auroral names, Stothers 1979, 90; for later Arabic/Persian terms, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 13 in list.</td>
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<td>saḥābiyah</td>
<td>حمایية</td>
<td>Nebulous stars: It may refer to either star clusters, double stars, or a nebula in the modern sense.</td>
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<td>al-sāhī</td>
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<td>The neglectful: Unidentified. The name of this star, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is described as a black star in the proximity of no other star and with an erratic course that does not repeat. It is illustrated with a single star and described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafiyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsīmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-sahm</td>
<td>السهم</td>
<td>[1] The arrow: Sagitta. This is the most common Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Sagitta. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 184–5.</td>
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<td>السهم</td>
<td>[2] The arrow: Unidentified. In Chapter 1.5 no. 169 it illustrated with a pair of stars. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXI in Chapter Nine, al-sahm is shown as six stars in a row, and the alternative name al-nawāḥ (the date-pit or kernel) is provided; the name al-nawāḥ is otherwise undocumented as a star-name.</td>
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<td>sahm al-rāmi</td>
<td>السهم الرامي</td>
<td>The arrow of the archer: Unidentified. In the description of Lunar Mansion XXVI in Chapter Nine, it is said to be a single luminous star, but it is not illustrated in the accompanying diagram. Some anonymous anwāʾ texts mention ‘the arrow of the archer’ in connection with Lunar Mansion XXVI, saying that it rises to the south of the lunar mansion. A precise identification is not possible. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 77–8 no. N23.</td>
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<td>See al-ṣīhrj.</td>
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<td>sāʾîḥ</td>
<td>ساح[=ساح]</td>
<td>Traveller, or pilgrim: The Moon. It is said to be an ‘Indian’ (bi-l-hindīyah) name given the Moon. In the earlier copy A it is written without diacritics and could be read as the Arabic word sāʾîḥ. The plural sāʾîḥāt was occasionally used by other writers for the planets, though this may have been a mistranscription of sābiḥāt. In the two later copies, it is written as the Arabic word sābiḥ (a swimmer), whose plural, sābiḥāt, was also used as a general word for stars or planets, because they were viewed as swimming or gliding about in the firmament. The employment of the singular Arabic word, sāʾîḥ or sābiḥ, in specific reference to the Moon, however, is otherwise undocumented. Al-Bīrūnī, in similar lists of names, gives the Sanskrit as sūm in his Chronology of Ancient Nations and in his astrological manual as sūm wār. These are equivalent to the Sanskrit sōma and the Hindī somvār (सोमवार). Sources: For sāʾîḥāt, Lane 1863, 1482; for sābiḥāt, Lane 1863, 1291; Birūnī 1878, 192; Birūnī 1879, 172; Birūnī 1934, 165.</td>
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| al-ṣalīb            | الصليب        | The cross: δαβγ Delphini. Four bright stars behind al-nasr al-ṭāʾir (α Aquilae, Altair) form a rhomboid and a prominent asterism known today as Job’s Coffin. One of the Arab Bedouin names for this asterism was al-ṣalīb. On the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXII in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated with five stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 108 no. 277a; Savage-Smith 1985, 157. | 1.5 no. 047
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<td>sanām al-nāqah</td>
<td>سَنَام النَّاقَة</td>
<td>The hump of the she-camel; β Cassiopeiae (?) The 'hump' (sanām) is usually aligned with the star on the raised elbow of the constellation Cassiopeia. In Chapter Five, however, it is illustrated with three stars in a triangle, while in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXIV in Chapter Nine, it is illustrated with five stars in a V-formation. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 85 no. 190; Kunitzsch 1983, 49 no. 136b, 90 no. G22.</td>
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<td>sāq al-asad</td>
<td>ساق الأسد</td>
<td>The [back] leg of the lion: α Virginis. In Chapter Five, it is given as an alternative name for Spica (α Virginis). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 104 no. 263.</td>
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<td>al-sāqī</td>
<td>الساقي</td>
<td>The cupbearer (?): Unidentified. A group of three stars said to be to the right of the constellation Corona Borealis. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. In Chapter Five it is illustrated with three stars arranged as a triangle.</td>
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<td>al-saraṭān</td>
<td>السرطان</td>
<td>The crab: Cancer. The standard Arabic name for the constellation and zodiacal sign of Cancer. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 190.</td>
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<td>al-ṣarfah</td>
<td>الصرفة</td>
<td>[2] The change [of weather]: Lunar Mansion XII; θ Leonis. It was called al-ṣarfah, according to ’Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī, because its rising at dawn before the sun foretold the weather changing from heat to cooler temperatures, while its setting at dawn indicated a change from cold weather. Sources: Savage-Smith 1985, 127; Kunitzsch 1961, 108 no. 279</td>
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<td>al-sarīr</td>
<td>السرير</td>
<td>The bier: αβγδ Ursa Majoris. The term al-sarīr is a synonym for the more common word naʿsh. In the Bedouin tradition, a bier or corpse-bearing plank accompanied by three mourning daughters was envisioned in two different areas: in the classical constellation Ursa Major and in Ursa Minor. In Chapter Five, it appears to refer to the four stars in Ursa Major. Only ’Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī appears to use the synonym al-sarīr for the four stars comprising the bier. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 48 nos. 55–7 and 104 no. 264; Savage-Smith, 1985, 132–4.</td>
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<td>sarīr al-jawzāʼ</td>
<td>SERERرحى</td>
<td>The bed of al-jawzāʼ: Uncertain identity. Four stars under ‘the foot of al-jawzā’ (rijl al-jawzaʼ; β Orionis), according to one awwāʼ-source. In Chapter Nine it is stated that it rises after Procyon (al-shiʿrā al-sha⁠ʾmīyah). Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 50 no. 148a.</td>
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<td>sarīr banāt naʿsh</td>
<td>سش نشسبن</td>
<td>The bed/bier of the daughters of the bier:</td>
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<td>αβδγ Ursae Majoris or γζη Ursae Minoris</td>
<td>In the Bedouin tradition, a bier or corpse-bearing plank accompanied by three mourning daughters (banāt naʿsh) was envisioned in two different areas: in the classical constellation Ursa Major and in the constellation of Ursa Minor. The bier or 'bed' was formed of the four stars making up the body of the bears (αβδγ Ursae Majoris, γζη Ursae Minoris), and the 'daughters' of the three in the tails, ηζε Ursae Majoris, εδα Ursae Minoris.</td>
<td>Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 194 no. 264; Kunitzsch 1983, 58 no. 264.</td>
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<td>al-ṣawārikh</td>
<td>الصوارخ</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. The name of a star-group, or comet/meteor, that is otherwise unrecorded. The star-group is illustrated in the early copy A with one large star surrounded by eight stars, while in M is it illustrated by a large star surrounded by eleven stars, and in D and B by one large and ten small stars. The text states that it consists of a large star surrounded by twelve small stars that encircle it and that Hermes gave it this name, while the Greeks call it khawāris (or khūmāris). Neither al-ṣawārikh nor khūmāris occur in the recorded literature. It is said to pass through Aries every forty, though some say sixty, solar years. For every two orbits of Saturn in the sky, it orbits the sky once. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-ṣaydaq</td>
<td>الصيدق</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Flam. 80, g Ursae Majoris (Alcor). It is one of two names given to a small star next to the middle of the three stars forming the tail of the Great Bear. The second, and perhaps more common, name was al-suhā (the overlooked one). ‘Abd al-Rahhām al-Ṣūfī added that this is a star by which people test their vision; it was not listed by Ptolemy in his star catalogue.</td>
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<td>ظنعل</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for δ Leonis, a star on the rump of the constellation Leo. The ‘Persian’ name is otherwise unattested as a star-name; it could be read as the Arabic word shuʾlah meaning a fire, blaze, or torch.</td>
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<td>sh-h-a-r</td>
<td>شهار</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name assigned in Chapter Four to α Canis Majoris (Sirius), the brightest star in the entire sky. The ‘Persian’ name sh-h-a-r is otherwise unattested.</td>
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<td>شمخ</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name assigned in Chapter Four to α Leonis (Regulus). The Persian star-name is otherwise unattested. In Persian the word shamākh signifies a bandage for the chest. Source: For shamākh, Steingass 1892, 758.</td>
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<td>sh-y-r</td>
<td>شير</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name assigned in Chapter Four to two different stars: α Aurigae (Capella) and β Orionis (Rigel). The name sh-y-r could be interpreted as the Persian word sher, meaning a lion or tiger, but its application to a star is unattested outside this treatise. It is possible that its use for two of the thirty stars in the table in Chapter Four is a scribal error and that it was intended to be applied to only one of the stars.</td>
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<td>shāʾ</td>
<td>شاء</td>
<td>a sheep (or goat): ν Capricorni (?). The small star called shāʾ (or shāh) is probably to be identified with γ Capricorni. It is the third of the three stars identified by our author as composing Lunar Mansion XXII. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 101–2 no. 257.5 and 111 no. 28; Savage-Smith 1985, 130–1.</td>
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<td>al-shāʾ wa-al-ghanam wa-al-rāʾī</td>
<td>الأنت والغنم والراي</td>
<td>The sheep, the goats, and the shepherd: Uncertain identity. While the text in copy A reads al-shāʾ wa-al-ghanam wa-al-rāʾī (the sheep, the goats, and the shepherd), only two stars are indicated. In the later copies (D, B, and M), the star-group is illustrated by four stars forming a square. This is probably the flock with shepherd visualised in the area of the constellation Cepheus. Ibn Qutaybah said that ‘the sheep’ were small stars between al-qurḥah, a star in Cepheus (ξ Cephei), and the Pole star (Polaris), while ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that the sheep were on either side of the shepherd, whom he identified as γ Cephei. There were, however, other flocks visualised in the sky. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that al-ghanam, which can mean either sheep or goats, was the flock tended by the shepherd pictured in the area of the constellation Serpentinarius, where the large star α Ophiuchi bore the Bedouin name al-rāʾī (the shepherd). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 64 no. 113, 109 no. 282; Kunitzsch 1983, 43 no. 4, 97 no. G30; Savage-Smith 1985, 130–1.</td>
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<td>al-shamārīkh</td>
<td>النشاماركه</td>
<td>Vine branches loaded with fruit (or, a bunch of grapes): In the Bedouin tradition, the stars of the constellations of Centaurus and Lupus were viewed together as one. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that the Arabs traditionally called these stars <em>al-shamārīkh</em> because of their multitude and thickness. In the early copy A, they are illustrated by fourteen stars in four groups, while the later copies (D, M, B) associate the name with seven stars in two close rows. Sources: ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 333; Kunitzsch 1961, 110 no. 283; Savage-Smith 1985, 207.</td>
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<td>al-sharāsīf</td>
<td>نشراحيس</td>
<td>The rib cartilages, or, shackled camels: In the Bedouin tradition, the stars of the constellation Hydra between <em>al-fard</em> (<em>α</em> Hydrae) and the stars of Corvus were considered to be <em>al-sharāsīf</em>, which can be translated as either rib cartilages or as shackled camels. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī identified these with ten stars in Hydra and in Crater. In Chapter Five (no. 127), the asterism is illustrated with six stars in two rows of three each. In the illustration for Lunar Mansion XI in Chapter Five, it is illustrated with ten stars in two columns of five each, while on the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 12a, it is shown as twelve stars in two uneven rows. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 110 no. 284; Savage-Smith 1985, 203.</td>
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<td>al-sharaṭān</td>
<td>شرارةيتان</td>
<td>[obscure meaning] Lunar Mansion I; ₀γ <em>Arietis</em> or ₀ργ <em>Arietis</em>. The name is most commonly written as <em>shararaṭān</em>, though <em>sharatayn</em> occurs on the diagram in Chapter One of Book One and in Chapter Nine and also occurs on celestial globes and other sources. Two, or according to some sources three, stars in the constellation Aries were said to compose this lunar mansion. In Chapter Nine, <em>al-natḥ</em> is given as a synonym, and it is said to consist of three stars, though in the accompanying illustration it is illustrated by a single star (and also in the corresponding illustration in MS CB, fols. 2a). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 110–11, no. 286.</td>
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<td>al-sharīf</td>
<td>نـ al-sharīf</td>
<td>The noble: The Sun. This is said to be an 'Indian' (bi-l-hindīyah) name given the planet the Sun. It appears to be the Arabic word al-sharīf, though in copy A it is written as al-sarīf and copy M has al-sarīq; only copy D has al-sharīf. Al-Bīrūnī, in similar lists of names, gives the Sanskrit as a-d-y-d in his Chronology of Ancient Nations and in his astrological manual as ādīt wār. These are roughly equivalent to the Sanskrit Āditya and the Hindi ītvār (इिवार). Sources: Biruni 1878, 192; Biruni 1879, 172; and Biruni 1934, 165.</td>
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<td>sharshīr</td>
<td>قر sharshīr</td>
<td>Wild duck: Unidentified. It is illustrated with a single star. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. Of the later copies, D reads nasr (eagle), B reads nas, and M reads sadd (obstruction).</td>
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<td>al-shawlah</td>
<td>هق al-shawlah</td>
<td>The raised tail [of the scorpion]: Lunar Mansion XIX; λυ Scorpionis. The lunar mansion was usually said to be composed of only two stars, both in the tip of the tail of Scorpio. In Chapter Nine, in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XIX, the author specifically states that it is composed of eleven stars, and in the accompanying diagram it is illustrated as the entire tail of the scorpion, formed only of ten stars; in the comparable diagram in MS CB fol. 18a it is shown as eight stars curled as a scorpion’s tail. In Chapter Five it is also illustrated by the entire tail of Scorpio, but formed of seven stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 111 no. 288a; Savage-Smith 1985, 129–39, 177–78.</td>
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<td>shawlat</td>
<td>هقر shawlat</td>
<td>The raised tail of the scorpion: λυ Scorpionis. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 111 no. 288b.</td>
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<td>al-ʿaqrab</td>
<td>هقر al-ʿaqrab</td>
<td>[1] A lion: [Leo] The Persian name of the zodiacal sign and constellation of Leo. In the later copies M and C, the name is written as m-sh-y-r. Sources: Steingass 1892, 772–3; Biruni 1934, 70 sect. 150.</td>
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<td>sher</td>
<td>قرش sher</td>
<td>[2] A lion or tiger: A possible reading of the so-called ‘Persian’ name sh-y-r given in Chapter Four to two different stars: α Aurigae (Capella) and β Orionis (Rigel), but its application to a star is unattested outside this treatise. It is possible that the use of sh-y-r for two of the thirty stars in the table in Chapter Four is a scribal error and that it was intended to be applied to only one of the stars.</td>
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<td>al-shiʿrá al-ʿabūr</td>
<td>The Sirius (shiʿrá) passing over: α Canis Majoris (Sirius). The name derives from a Bedouin legend regarding the brightest star in the heavens, Sirius (α Canis Majoris). There were said to be two Sirii, both sisters of Canopus (suhayl) who had married the very large giant al-jawzāʾ. The northern Sirius was the star Procyon in the constellation Canis Minor (α Canis Minoris). The southern Sirius was called al-shiʿrá al-ʿabūr (the Sirius passing over) because it was said to cross the Milky Way southward toward Canopus when fleeing toward the South after injuring al-jawzāʾ. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 62–3; Kunitzsch 1961, 111 no. 289a; Savage-Smith 1985, 194–7.</td>
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<td>al-shiʿrá</td>
<td>The Sirius (shiʿrá) shedding tears: α Canis Minoris (Procyon). The name derives from a Bedouin legend of two Sirii, both sisters of Canopus (suhayl) who had married the very large giant al-jawzāʾ. The northern Sirius (Procyon) was called al-shiʿrá al-ghumayṣāʾ (the Sirius shedding tears) because it had to remain behind. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 112 no. 290a; Kunitzsch 1983, 63, no. 290 a/b; Savage-Smith 1985, 194–7; Savage-Smith 1992 Table 2.1.</td>
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<td>al-shiʿrá al-yamāniyah</td>
<td>The southern shiʿrá: α Canis Majoris (Sirius). The name derives from a Bedouin legend of two Sirii, both sisters of Canopus (suhayl) who had married the very large giant al-jawzāʾ. The southern Sirius was the star in Canis Major which we call Sirius today. Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 62–3; Kunitzsch 1961, 111 no. 289b; Savage-Smith 1985, 194–7; Savage-Smith 1992 Table 2.1.</td>
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<td>al-shujāʿ</td>
<td>The large snake: Hydra. The standard Arabic name for the southern constellation of Hydra. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 190–99.</td>
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<td>al-ṣighār</td>
<td>الصغار</td>
<td>The small ones: A name given a comet/meteor or star-group, described as a southern star with three radiant stars underneath, with an orbit of thirty solar years. The name of this star-group, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is illustrated as a single star with three stars in a row beneath. The early copy A gives the name as al-ṣighār. Following the three later copies (D, B, M), the name of this comet/meteor can also be read as al-ʿaṣṣār (one who presses grapes) or, ignoring the diacritic tashdīd, then as al-ʿuṣār, meaning juice or sap. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances’ (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsāmah) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>al-ṣibrij</td>
<td>السيرج</td>
<td>The cistern: Unidentified. It is illustrated by three stars in a triangular formation. The name as a star-name has not been found in the recorded sources. It is perhaps an alternative name for the asterism usually called al-hawd (the pond, or watering trough). 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī aligned the latter star-name with seven stars in the Great Bear (τhυφθεf Ursae Majoris).</td>
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<td>al-simāk</td>
<td>اسمك</td>
<td>[1] obscure meaning: The name simāk was applied to two different stars: α Virginis (Spica) and α Boötis (Arcturus). In Chapter Three, it appears to apply just to α Virginis. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 146 no. 66; Kunitzsch 1961, 105 no. 269; Savage-Smith 1985, 174–5.</td>
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<td>[2] obscure meaning: Lunar Mansion XIV; α Virginis. A single star (Spica) in the constellation of Virgo is customarily said to comprise this lunar mansion. In Chapter Nine, in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XIV, it is also given the fuller name of al-simāk al-ʿazal and defined as consisting of three stars, of which the southern and most luminous is simāk itself; in the accompanying illustration it is shown as three stars. This appears to be a definition unique to this treatise. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 105 no. 269; Savage-Smith 1985, 127–28.</td>
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<td>عرنل</td>
<td>The name simāk is of ancient origin and its meaning has been obscured with time. In the Bedouin tradition the ‘unarmed simāk’ (al-simāk al-aʿzal) represents one of the hind legs of a very large lion. The other hind leg of this huge lion was formed by a second star bearing the name simāk (al-simāk al-rāmiḥ, ‘the armed simāk’, α Boötis, Arcturus) which can be seen in a direct line due north of Spica, at the hemline of Boötes. Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 146 no. 66; Kunitzsch 1961, 104 no. 263; Savage-Smith 1985, 174–5.</td>
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<td>al-simāk al-rāmiḥ</td>
<td>ماك الكرامح</td>
<td>The armed, or lance-bearing, simāk: α Boötis (Arcturus). The name al-simāk al-rāmiḥ was commonly used for the prominent star Arcturus, in the constellation of Boötes. The word al-simāk is of ancient origin and impossible to translate. In the diagram accompanying Lunar Mansion XIV it is illustrated with two stars (though in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 15a it is shown as a single star); such an interpretation is very unusual, if not unique, but it is also found in Chapter Five of Book One of this treatise, where it is illustrated as a large star with two stars in front and two behind. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 105 no. 270; Savage-Smith 1985, 128, 140.</td>
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<td>al-simāk al-rāmiḥ</td>
<td>ماك الكرامح</td>
<td>[2] The unarmed simak: Lunar Mansion XIV; α Virginis (Spica). This is the full name for Lunar Mansion XIV, whose name was often shortened to al-simāk.</td>
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<td>squrbūs</td>
<td>سكرBUS, scorpion</td>
<td>Scorpio. The Greek name of the constellation and zodiacal sign of Scorpio. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 192.</td>
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<td>al-suhā</td>
<td>السها</td>
<td>The overlooked one: Flam. 80, g Ursae Majoris (Alcor). A small star next to the one in the middle of the tail of Ursa Major. The star was not listed by Ptolemy, and ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī called it ‘the overlooked one’ (al-suhā), adding that it is a star by which men can test their vision. In the diagram for Lunar Mansion XI, the star is labelled as najm al-suhā. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 106 no. 271; Kunitzsch 1985, 58 no. 271; Savage-Smith 1985, 96 and 136.</td>
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<td>suhayl</td>
<td>سهيل</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Canopus (modern α 1.2 (Gemini) Carinae). Suha`y is the star Canopus (the second brightest star in the heavens) in the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation Argo Navis. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 106 no. 272a.</td>
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<td>suhayl al-muḥnith</td>
<td>سبيل المحنث</td>
<td>The false-swearing suhayl: Uncertain identity. Early Bedouin traditions state that that there were two stars called ‘the oath-breakers (al-muḥnithān)’, for when a people who did not know the skies very well would see them rise, they would be willing to take an oath that it was Canopus and its companion star, but they would have perjured themselves when Canopus and its companion really did rise. These stars have been variously aligned with stars of first or second magnitude near Canopus. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 81–2 nos. 174–175, 107 no. 273f; Kunitzsch 1983, 62 no. 273f; for al-muḥnith interpreted as α or β Centauri or α Eridani, Kunitzsch 1977, 266–7.</td>
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<td>suhayl al-yamānī</td>
<td>سبيل اليمانی</td>
<td>The southern suhayl: Canopus (modern 1.9 (VI, X, α Carinae). An alternative name for Suha`y XI (Canopus), the second brightest star in the heavens. Source: Kunitzsh 1961, 106 no. 272c.</td>
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<td>suhayl ḥaḍārī</td>
<td>سبيل حداَري</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. Ḥadārī was the name of one of two stars near Canopus (suhayl) whose rising was often mistaken for the rising of Canopus itself. The meaning of the name ḥaḍārī is obscure and the precise identity of the star uncertain. In Chapter Nine, on the ‘map’ for Lunar Mansion V, it is illustrated by five stars in a row, and also in the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 6a, where the label is written as suhayl ḥaḍārī while the early copy A writes it as suhayl ḥamārī. Sources: Lane 1863, 589; Kunitzsch 1961, 65–6 no. 118, 81–2 no. 174; Kunitzsch 1983, 59–60 no. 273b; Kunitzsch 1967, 55–56; Kunitzsch 1974a, 43–44; Kunitzsch 1977, 266.</td>
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<td>sukān al-safīnah</td>
<td>سكان السفينة</td>
<td>The rudder of the ship: Unidentified. In terms of the Ptolemaic constellation of Argo, the ‘rudder of the ship’ would correspond to α Carinae. Some anwā‘-sources, however, do speak of the ‘rudder of the ship’ being south of the two stars forming Lunar Mansion XXII (sa’d al-dhābiḥ) formed by α1,2β Capricorni. These two interpretations are not compatible. The asterism of sukān al-safīnah (the rudder of the ship) is illustrated in Chapter Five with three stars. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 98–9 no. G34.</td>
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<td>al-sulahfāh</td>
<td>слhnhn</td>
<td>The tortoise: Lyra. A relatively uncommon Arabic name for the Ptolemaic constellation of Lyra. The term is used in the diagram opening Chapter One and again in Chapter Three, and it was used in the translation of Ptolemy's <em>Almagest</em> made by al-Ḥajjāj. It also occurs on the two earliest preserved Islamic celestial globes (made in Spain in 478/1085), and it was given by ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī as an alternative to the more common title. The more common name was al-salbāq (with many corrupted forms, such as al-shulyāq), from the Greek musical instrument named σαμβύκη, a type of harp. Sources: Ptolemy 1986, 1:316; Kunitzsch 1974, 177–8; ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī 1954, 68; Savage-Smith 1985, 145; Dekker &amp; Kunitzsch 2008, 184.</td>
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<td>al-sullam</td>
<td>slm</td>
<td>The ladder: Unidentified. It is illustrated with three stars in a vertical column. Ibn Qutaybah states that the name al-sullam was applied traditionally to stars below the Southern Fish (Piscis Austrinus). Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 107 no. 274.</td>
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<td>al-ṣuradān</td>
<td>csrdn</td>
<td>The two surad-birds: αβ1,2 Sagittarii (?). Two stars below Corona Australis, possibly in the region of Sagittarius. In Chapter Five they are illustrated with a pair of stars and in the first occurrence (no. 153) said to be 'along the Milky Way'. In Chapter Nine (Lunar Mansion XIX) they are illustrated as a pair of stars. The word surad refers to certain species of birds, one being larger than a sparrow and a predator of sparrows, another being notable for its black and white markings. The Bedouins regarded both its sighting and its cry as evil omens. According to anwāʾ’ authors, the two surad-birds were located under al-qubbah, the stars forming the constellation of the Southern Crown (Corona Australis). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 109 no. 281; Kunitzsch 1983, 62 no. 281; Ibn Qutaybah 1956, 73; for the word surad, Lane 1863, 1677.</td>
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<td>surrat al-ḥūt</td>
<td>سرة الْحُوت</td>
<td>The navel of the fish: <em>β</em> Andromedae. An anonymous <em>anwāʾ</em> -treatise also gives this star-name to the bright star on the side of the large fish seen in the area of Andromeda (<em>β</em> Andromedae).Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 79 no. N25.</td>
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<td>surrat al-jawzāʾ</td>
<td>سرة الجوزاء</td>
<td>The navel of <em>al-jawzāʾ</em>: <em>ε</em> Orionis. <em>Al-jawzāʾ</em> is the traditional Arab name for a very large giant, larger than the Greek-Ptolemaic constellation of Orion. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 117 no. N36.</td>
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<td>al-suʿūd</td>
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<td>ṭ-l-a-f-s</td>
<td>طلافس</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. The name of this star-group, or comet, is otherwise unrecorded. It is illustrated with four stars, three in a row and one to one side, and it said to resemble a man with a censer (<em>kubwah</em>) and to be always flickering. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint (or lightly-traced) lances (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsūmah)* for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>ṭ-l-ḥ-m</td>
<td>طلحم</td>
<td>A so-called ‘Persian’ name for <em>α</em> Virginis (Spica). This ‘Persian’ name is otherwise unattested. In an Arabic fragment of similar list of Hermetic stars, the Pahlavi (Middle-Persian) name is given as <em>h-s-d</em> or <em>h-m-y</em> [-d] while the Hebrew version gives the Pahlavi as <em>b-s-k</em>. Source: Kunitzsch 2001, 34 and 84.</td>
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<td>ṭ-r-m-a</td>
<td>طرما</td>
<td>See <em>ṭūmā</em>.</td>
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<td>al-tābiʿ</td>
<td>التالِب</td>
<td>The follower: <em>α</em> Tauri (Aldebaran). An alternative name for <em>α</em> Tauri, usually known as <em>al-darabān</em>. Source: Ibn Sidah, 1898, 9:10.</td>
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<td>al-taḥīyah</td>
<td>الْحَج</td>
<td>The greeting (?): Lunar Mansion VI; <em>γξ</em> Geminorum or γξ Gemini. One of the recorded spellings of a variant name for Lunar Mansion VI, whose common name was <em>al-kānīh</em> and identified with <em>γξ</em> Gemini or γξ Gemini. In both occurrences in Chapter Nine this alternative name is written without diacritical dots, while in the accompanying diagram for Lunar Mansion VI it is written as <em>al-lakhīyah</em>; it is not included on the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVII. In Chapter Nine, Lunar Mansion VI is illustrated as six stars, though the text specifies five; on the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 7a, it is shown with five stars and given the more common designation <em>al-kānīh</em>. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 113 no. 297a/c.</td>
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<td>al-ṭāʾir</td>
<td>أرطلا</td>
<td>The flying one: Unidentified. This is an otherwise unrecorded group of stars said to rise toward the South as Lunar Mansion XIII (Virgo) rises. It is illustrated in Chapter Nine as eight stars in a V-formation. In the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 14a, it a V-formation of nine stars labelled al-kās rather than al-ṭāʾir. Neither star-name has been found in the recorded literature. The common star-name nasr ṭāʾir (the flying eagle) was used by Bedouins as a name for three stars in the constellation of Aquila (Aquila), and the nautical literature records the use of al-kāsir as a synonym for nasr al-wāqiʿ (the falling eagle; Lyra), but those are northern stars and at a great distance from Lunar Mansion XIII. Sources: For al-kāsir and nasr al-ṭāʾir, Kunitzsch 1961, 74 no. 146 and 86 no. 194a.</td>
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<td>al-tāj</td>
<td>أحنج</td>
<td>The crown [of al-jawzāʾ]; Orionis (?). 1.5 no. 089 One of the traditional Arabic terms for the nine stars on the lion’s skin (or elongated sleeve) of the Ptolemaic constellation of Orion was ṭāj al-jawzāʾ, referring to the ancient image of a very large giant called al-jawzāʾ. In Chapter Five it is, however, illustrated with only four stars, while in Chapter Nine it is illustrated with an arc of ten stars. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 112–13 no. 295; Savage-Smith 1985, 191.</td>
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<td>tamām al-nāqah</td>
<td>هقتم</td>
<td>The end of the she-camel: Unidentified. One of the Bedouin traditions envisaged a large she-camel in the stars composing the region of Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The ‘head of the she-camel’ was illustrated in the map accompanying Lunar Mansion XXVI, and it has been aligned with three stars in Andromeda, ας Andromedae. Several star-names were based on various parts of this she-camel, but the particular term used in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XVII tamām al-nāqah is unrecorded. It is illustrated with a pair of stars; there is no comparable star-group in the diagram in MS CB fol. 26a. Sources: For various star-names associated with this camel, Kunitzsch 1961, 85 no. 190; Kunitzsch 1983, 49, no. 136b, 90 no. G22.</td>
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<td>tamām al-rishāʾ</td>
<td>اقاس</td>
<td>The end of the rope. Unidentified. It is not recorded as a star name in the published literature. In Bedouin imagery a rope was seen in the sky as supplied for a bucket (composed of the asterism of the Great Square of Pegasus). As a star-name, al-rishāʾ (the rope) is usually identified with a single star, β Andromedae (Mirach). Yet in the diagram for</td>
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<td>al-tamāthīl</td>
<td>الـثائِل</td>
<td>The statues/idols: Uncertain identity. Some anwāʾ-authors state that around al-nasr al-tāʿir (either α Aquilae, alone, or three stars αβγ Aquilae) there are four stars called al-tamāthīl. In Chapter Five it is first (no. 048) illustrated with a ring of seven stars and then at another place in the table (no. 167) with only two stars. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 63 no. 299.</td>
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<td>al-ṭarab</td>
<td>الطرب</td>
<td>See al-karab.</td>
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<td>taraf al-shawlah</td>
<td>طرف الشوله</td>
<td>The tip of the raised tail: λ Scorpions. This star-name is otherwise unrecorded.</td>
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<td>tarāzū</td>
<td>ترازو</td>
<td>A balance, a scale: Libra. The Persian name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Libra. In copy A only, the name is written as b-z-a-z-w-h and given as the Persian name for Virgo rather than Libra; the copyist has continued an incorrect sequence of Persian zodiacal names. In the later copies, for the entry Libra, the name is written as barāzūḥ. Sources: Steingass 1892, 1047; Bīrūnī 1934, 70 sect. 159.</td>
<td>1.2 (Virgo, Libra)</td>
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<td>al-ṭarf</td>
<td>الـطرف</td>
<td>The vision, or sight: Lunar Mansion IX; λ Leonis and κ Cancrī. The name reflects the image of the larger lion of Bedouin tradition. It was applied to two stars, one in the Ptolemaic constellation of Leo (λ Leonis) and the other in Cancer (κ Cancrī). Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 114, no. 304a; Savage-Smith 1985, 126.</td>
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<td>al-ṭāriq</td>
<td>الـطارق</td>
<td>The rapping or banging one: Unidentified.</td>
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<td>taslim al-asad</td>
<td>تسلم الأسد</td>
<td>The submission of the lion: Unidentified. According to the information provided, this star group would be beneath the tail and near the rump of Ursa Major. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is illustrated in Chapter Five with three stars.</td>
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<td>al-tawābi’</td>
<td>إلىجا</td>
<td>The followers: γξ Ursae Majoris + εδα Ursae Minoris. The name al-tawābi’, used by itself, usually referred to three stars in the Ursa Major and three in Ursa Minor—that is, the three forming the tails of each constellation. These three were also known as the banāt naʾsh (the daughters of the bier). Sources: Kunitzsch 1983, 80–1 no. N27; Qaddūri 2005, 91.</td>
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<td>النتواع</td>
<td>[2] The followers: Uncertain identity. In the context of Lunar Mansion XIII the identification is uncertain. Some anwā'-treatises mention al-tawābi' as rising to the north of Lunar Mansion XIII, and the term has been aligned with the three stars forming the tails in both Ursa Major and Ursa Minor; presumably Ursa Major would be intended in this context. In the Book of Curiosities, however, al-tawābi' is defined as 'a group of stars below al-qārī.' The latter name was an alternative designation of al-qā'ād (the leader), a Bedouin name for the last star in the tail of Ursa Major (η Ursae Majoris). If the interpretation of al-qārī is correct, then al-tawābi' in this context cannot refer to the three stars in the tail of Ursa Major.</td>
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<td>al-tawābi'</td>
<td>النتواع</td>
<td>[3] The followers: βθγ Aurigae (?) In Chapter Five, the first time the name is used (no. 041), it is apparently used as a short form of tawābi' al-'ayyūq (the followers of al-'ayyūq), three stars in Auriga.</td>
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<td>النتواع</td>
<td>[4] The followers: Unidentified. Insufficient information is provided in the description of the comet that is the subject of the section to identify what star-group is intended or in which part of the sky it might be located.</td>
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<td>tawābi' al-'ayyūq</td>
<td>توابع العبوق</td>
<td>The followers of 'ayyūq (Capella): βθγ Aurigae. The name was given to three stars in the constellation of Auriga. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 114 no. 300; Kunitzsch 1983, 36 no. 8 and 63 no. 300.</td>
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<td>tawābi' al-asad</td>
<td>توابع الأسد</td>
<td>The followers of the lion: Unidentified. The name has not been found in other recorded sources. The diagram of Lunar Mansion XII in Chapter Nine suggests that it is a star-group rising to the north of Lunar Mansion XII, and it is illustrated with six stars in two rows of three each; a similar illustration occurs in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 13a. Some authors (including our author in the discussion of Lunar Mansion XIII that follows) mention al-tawābi' (but not tawābi' al-asad) rising to the north of Lunar Mansion XIII, while the term tawābi', used by itself, has been aligned with the three stars in Ursa Major and three in Ursa Minor known more commonly as the banāt na'sh (daughters of the bier). It is also possible that 'the followers of the lion' is the same star-group as that called in Chapter Five tawābi' al-nathrah (the followers of al-nathrah), being unidentified stars following 'the cartilage of the nose [of the large lion]', the latter a name for both Lunar Mansion VIII and Praesepe, the open cluster M44 in Cancer.</td>
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<td>tawābi' al-nathrah</td>
<td>توابع النثرة</td>
<td>The followers of <em>al-nathrah</em>: Unidentified.</td>
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<td>The name has not been found in other recorded sources. It is written in the lower margin, and no stars are illustrated. <em>Al-nathrah</em> (the cartilage of the nose) was one of the Bedouin names for the open cluster in the constellation Cancer (M44, Praesepe), reflecting the image of a lion, larger than the Ptolemaic Leo, in this region of the skies. The stars which are its 'followers' (<em>tawābi'</em>) remain unidentified. It is possible that it is the same star-group as that called in Chapter Nine <em>tawābi' al-asad</em> (the followers of the lion), being an unidentified star-group rising to the north of Lunar Mansion XII.</td>
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<td>al-ṭawāli'</td>
<td>الطوالع</td>
<td>The rising stars: Unidentified. The name of this star, or comet/meteor, is otherwise unrecorded. It is said that Hermes gave this name to a comet/meteor composed of distinct black stars, illustrated as a half-circle of five stars (and in copy M as five stars in two rows). It is described amongst the 'obscure stars having the appearance of faint lances' (<em>al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-hirāb al-marsūmah</em>) for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>ṭawmā</td>
<td>طوما</td>
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<td>ṭawrus</td>
<td>طورس</td>
<td>Ταύρος, a bull: Taurus. The Greek name for the zodiacal sign and constellation of Taurus, transliterated as ṭawrus. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 189.</td>
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<td>ṭayfūr</td>
<td>طنوزر</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy. The name <em>ṭayfūr</em> possibly corresponds to the Greek word for typhoon (<em>τύφω̑ν</em>), which is also one of the ten comet-names given in late-antique lists. The comet-name <em>ṭayfūr</em> also occurs in the treatise <em>Risālah fi Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib wa-mā dhukira fīhā min al-ʿajāʾib</em> attributed to Ḥunayn ibn Ishāq, and in a later Arabic/Persian source. Ibn Hibintā also discusses the comet, though Ibn Hibintā's chapter has no illustrations. There is no comparable Latin comet-name. Sources: Ibn Hibintā 1987, 1:363 and 2:141–42; for <em>τύφω̑ν</em>, Tannery 1920, vol. 4:356 and Pl. II; for <em>Risālah fi Dhawāt al-dhawāʾib</em>, Bodleian, MS Marsh 618, fols. 229b–231a [old 457–466] and Cairo, Dār al-Kutub, MS Muṣṭafá Fāḍil mīqāt 204, fols. 75b–76a, relevant folios are reproduced in King 1986, pl. LXXX; for later Arabic sources, Kennedy 1980, 164 no. 9 in list.</td>
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<td>al-thaʿlab</td>
<td>نثلاِب</td>
<td>The fox: This must be a variant name for 1.5 nos. 017, the asterism called baldat al-thaʿlab (the 196 place of the fox), which was said to be positioned to the right of mirfaq (α Persei). It was considered an area of no stars. In the entry in Chapter Five (no. 196) where it is called simply al-thaʿlab, however, it is shown as five stars in a V-formation, while in the earlier entry (no. 017), where it was called baldat al-thaʿlab, it was depicted as one large star.</td>
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<td>thālith al-tadwīr</td>
<td>ثالث التدوير</td>
<td>The third [star] of the shield: λ Velorum. 1.5 no. 108 The name, which should be written as ‘the third shield’ rather than ‘the third [star] of the shield’, is a term used in one of the Arabic translations of Ptolemy’s Almagest for a star in the southern constellation of Argo Navis. The term tadwīr translated the Greek ἀσπιδίσκη (shield). In Chapter Five, the name is written vertically at the lower left margin of a table of 227 star-names, and no stars are illustrated for this name. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 330 no. 565.</td>
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<td>al-thawr</td>
<td>أثور</td>
<td>The bull: Taurus. The standard Arabic name for the zodiacal constellation and sign of Taurus. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 189.</td>
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<td>al-thurayyā</td>
<td>الأرية [1]</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: The Pleiades, the open star cluster M45 in the constellation of Taurus. Six or sometimes seven stars are visible with the naked eye. Confusion is sometimes caused by the fact that its name, al-thurayyā, is the same as that of the large figure of a woman who was imagined covering a very large area of the northern skies. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 114–15 no. 306.</td>
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<td>al-thurayyā</td>
<td>الأرية [2]</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Lunar Mansion III; the Pleiades, the open star cluster M45. Six or sometimes seven stars are visible with the naked eye. In Chapter Nine it is described as six semi-nebulous stars in the form of an isosceles triangle, but it is illustrated by six stars in a formation very common in the medieval literature (four rows of two, two, one, and one). In the related diagram in MS CB, fol. 4a, it is illustrated with seven stars, arranged in three pairs and one single star. Source: Kunitzsch 1961, 114–15, no. 306.</td>
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<td>timāṭūs</td>
<td>باتوس</td>
<td>Timothy (?): Mars. A ‘Byzantine’ name (bi-l-yanāniyāh) given the planet Mars. It is unidentified as a planetary name. The first two letters of the word as written in copy A have no diacritics and so could be vocalised in several ways, but in MS M it is clearly written as timāṭūs, while in copy D it is written as nīmāṭūs.</td>
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<td>al-tinnin</td>
<td>التنين</td>
<td>The dragon: Draco. The standard Arabic designation of the Ptolemaic northern constellation of Draco. It is comprised of 31 uniformed or internal stars, though 35 are shown in the diagram opening Chapter One. Its Arabic name reflects the classical outline of the constellation. Source: Kunitzsch 1974, 172–3.</td>
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<td>tir</td>
<td>تير</td>
<td>Power, grandeur: Mercury. The Persian name for the planet Mercury. Source: Steingass 1892, 240.</td>
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<td>tizrāwush</td>
<td>رزاوش ]Jupiter[</td>
<td>A ‘Greek’ name (bi-l-rūmiyah) given the planet Jupiter. In copy A it is written without diacritics on the first three letters, and thus can be vocalised in a number of ways (including birzāwush); in the two later copies it is written clearly as tizrāwush. The Greek deity name given to the planet Jupiter was Ζεύς, and the Arabic form may represent an attempt at transliteration of the Greek; the Arabic as written in the early copy A may be a combination of zāwush, meaning Zeus, and birjīsh, which was a common alternative Arabic name (of unknown origin) for Jupiter. This alternative Arabic name, birjīsh, was given by al-Qummī as the ‘Greek’ name for Jupiter. Al-Bīrūnī gives the Greek name as zāwus. Sources: For birjīsh, see EI2, art. ‘nujūm’ (P. Kunitzsch); Qummī 1997, 189; Bīrūnī 1878, 192.</td>
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<td>al-tūqah</td>
<td>الت فوق</td>
<td>The buckle: α Hydrae (Alphard). A possible reading of a so-called ‘Persian’ name for the star. The name is otherwise unattested. It could be read also as a-l-m-t-w-q-h.</td>
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<td>tumā</td>
<td>طوما</td>
<td>[obscure meaning]: Unidentified. The name of this pair of stars, or comet, is otherwise unrecorded. The name tumā is attributed to Ptolemy in the three later copies; in the earlier copy A, the name is written as t-r-m-a. The comet is said to have been called al-murarwi‘ah by Hermes. It is described amongst the ‘obscure stars having the appearance of faint (or lightly-traced) lances (al-kawākib al-khafīyah dhawāt al-ḥirāb al-marsāmah)’ for which Hermes is given as an authority.</td>
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<td>udhī al-na‘ām</td>
<td>أذمي النعام</td>
<td>The ostrich nest: Unidentified. Al-udhīy (or udhī al-na‘ām) was a name given to at least three different groups of stars (six in the constellation of Sagittarius, five stars in Eridanus combined with two in Cetus, and the stars</td>
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<td>forming the Southern Crown (Corona Australis). Yet, in Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star and 'ushman al-naʿām (the nest of ostriches) is given as an alternative name. In Chapter Nine (Lunar Mansion XIV) it is illustrated with six stars, while in the corresponding diagram in MS CB, fol. 15a, it is illustrated with eleven stars. In the illustration of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine, it is called 'ushman al-naʿām and illustrated as eight stars in a V-formation, while on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 19a, it is shown as eight stars in two rows. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 115 nos. 307–9; Kunitzsch 1983, 63 no. 309.</td>
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<td>al-ʿudhrah</td>
<td>عذرة</td>
<td><strong>Virginity:</strong> Uncertain identification. In Chapter Five the name is first (no. 123) illustrated with five stars, but a second time (no. 182) it has only four stars. In Chapter Nine, it is specified that the star-group consists of eight stars rising in front of Canis Major and beneath Sirus, though in the associated diagram it is illustrated with only two stars. Ibn Qutaybah and others said that in the Milky Way, under the star Sirus (α Canis Majoris), there were five stars called al-ʿudhrah. These have been identified ο1 ,2δεη Canis Majoris. Sources: Kunitsch 1961, 115–16 no. 311a; Savage-Smith 1985, 197.</td>
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<td>al-ʿunqūd</td>
<td>التمتدود</td>
<td><strong>The bunch of grapes:</strong> βαγ Delphini. The reference is to four stars that lay behind the ‘flying eagle’, the latter being either α Aquilae alone or three stars αβγ Aquilae. Several variants occur for the star-name al-ʿunqūd given in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXII (and also in the accompanying text). The more common name for the stars behind Aquilae is al-qaʿūd (the young camel) or al-ʿuqūd (necklaces). In Chapter Nine, in the diagram for Lunar Mansion XXII, the star-group is illustrated as four stars to the north of three stars—that is, the four stars in Delphinus to the left of three stars in Aquila. On the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 21a, two columns of eleven stars are labelledʿamūd al-ṣalīb (the column of the cross), reflecting another variant name for this same star-group. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 95 no. 234; Savage-Smith 1985, 157.</td>
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<td>‘unuq al-shujā’</td>
<td>عنق الشجاع</td>
<td>The throat of the serpent: α Hydrae (Alpherard). ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Ṣūfī said that the most conspicuous star in the constellation Hydra was written on astrolabes as ‘unuq al-shujā’, and this same name appears on some celestial globes. The Arabic name could also denote a number of stars in the ‘throat’ of the constellation Hydra as well as one in the modern constellation of Sextant (ωθτι Hydrae and α Sextantis). These stars, however, are all relatively small and inconspicuous. In Chapter Two ‘unuq al-shujā’ is listed amongst the bābānīyah stars and in Chapter Four amongst the Hermetic ‘thirty bright stars’. Sources: Savage-Smith 1985, 203; Kunitzsch 1983, 100–101 G40.</td>
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<td>al-ʿuqāb</td>
<td>العقاب</td>
<td>The eagle: Aquila. The common Arabic name for the northern constellation of Aquila.</td>
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<td>al-ʿuqūd</td>
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<td>‘urf al-asad</td>
<td>عرف الأسد</td>
<td>The mane of the lion: Unidentified. One anonymous anwāʾ treatise states that one small star called ‘urf al-asad is above the two stars called al-zubrah, the latter also usually translated as ‘the mane’ and identified with δθ Leonis. In Chapter Five, however, ‘urf al-asad is illustrated with three stars in a row rather than a single star. The star-names reflect the very large lion that was seen in this region according to the Bedouin traditions. Source: Kunitzsch 1983, 81 no. N28.</td>
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<td>ʿurf al-faras</td>
<td>عرف الفرس</td>
<td>The mane of the horse: One of eleven comets said to have been described by Ptolemy.</td>
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<td>ʿurqūb al-rāmī</td>
<td>عرقب الرامي</td>
<td>The archer’s tendon: βς Sagittarii (Arkab).</td>
<td>1.2 Sources: Kunitzsch 1959, 144 no. 62; (Sagittarius) Savage-Smith 1985, 179. 1.4 no. 023</td>
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<td>ushnān al-tarf</td>
<td>أشنان الطرف</td>
<td>The potash of al-tarf: Unidentified. This is a possible reading (of obscure meaning) of an otherwise unrecorded star-name. In an illustration of Lunar Mansion IX in MS CB, fol. 10a, the name (which might also be read as asnān al-tarf) is shown as comprised of eight stars. In the corresponding diagram in MS A of the Book of Curiosities, the star-group is labelled asfāl sarīr banāt naṣḥ (the lower part of the bed of the daughters of the bier).</td>
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<td>ʿushsh al-naʿāʾim</td>
<td>عش النعام</td>
<td><strong>The nest of the ostriches:</strong> Unidentified. In 1.5 no. 142 Chapter Five ʿushsh al-naʿāʾim is given as an alternative name for the star-group al-udḥī (the ostrich nest). The latter was a name given to at least three different groups of stars (six in the constellation of Sagittarius; five stars in Eridanus combined with two in Cetus; and the stars forming the Southern Crown [Corona Australis]). Yet, in Chapter Five it is illustrated with a single star. In the illustration of Lunar Mansion XX in Chapter Nine, ʿushsh al-naʿāʾim is illustrated as eight stars in a V-formation, while on the comparable diagram in MS CB, fol. 19a, it is shown as eight stars in two rows; it may be that in this context the name ʿushsh al-naʿāʾim is intended as an alternative name for Lunar Mansion XX itself.</td>
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<td>[2] The mane [of the lion]: Lunar Mansion XI; δθ Leonis. While al-zubrah is the most common name for this lunar mansion, an alternative name of al-khurtān is used in the diagram in 1.1 and in Chapter Nine. Sources: Kunitzsch 1961, 69 no. 128; Savage-Smith 1985, 126–7.</td>
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