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LEGACY

THE LIVES OF THE FOUR IMAMS

PHASES OF FIQH

The Prophetic Era

- Quran
 - Types of Commands
 - Types of Prohibitions
 - Interpretive scope
- Sunnah
 - Verbal
 - Actions
- Ijtihad of Prophet ﷺ

PHASES OF FIQH

Fuqahā' of the Sahaba

- Umar
- Ali
- Ibn Masood
- Aisha
- Zaid bin Thabit
- Ibn Abbas
- Ibn Umar

PHASES OF FIQH

The Seven Fuqahā' of Madinah

- Ubaidullah bin Abdullah bin Utbah
- Urwah ibn Zubair
- Qasim ibn Muhammad
- Sa'eed ibn Musayyab
- Abu Salama ibn Abdulrahman
- Suleiman bin Yasar
- Kharijah bin Zaid
- Note: Some included Salim bin Abdillah bin Umar and Abu bakr bin Abdulrahman in this list

PHASES OF FIQH

Reasons the Fuqahā' Differed

- Understanding of Quran/Hadith
 - Word having multiple meanings
 - Qiraat
 - Irab of Hadith
- Not being aware of certain narrations
- Error in narrations
- Believing a narration is weak
- Differing based on the actions of the Prophet ﷺ
- Different ways of combining between conflicting reports
- Differing in what is an accepted evidence
- Abrogation

PHASES OF FIQH

Ahl al-Hadith

- Based in Madinah
 - Descendants of Sahaba
 - Simple lifestyle
- Took a more literalist approach to narrations and verses
- Were not very fond of hypothetical scenarios
- Famous Scholars of this School:
 - Imam Malik
 - Imam Ahmed

PHASES OF FIQH

Ahl al-Ra'ī

- Based in Iraq
 - Melting pot of ideologies and deviant groups, mixed culture
- Gave many rulings on hypothetical scenarios
- Took a more analytical approach to the sources
- Famous Scholars of this School:
 - Abu Hanifa and his students
 - Abdullah ibn Mubarak
 - Imam Tahawi

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: ABU HANIFAH

- Born 80 AH in Iraq
- Numan bin Thabit bin Zuti
 - Zuti originally from Kabul, accepted Islam
- Thabit meeting Ali RA and getting dua from him
- Started studying at 18
- Met at least 4 Sahaba
 - Anas bin Malik
 - Abdullah bin Harith
 - Abdullah ibn Abi Awfa
 - Amir Bin Wathilah

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: ABU HANIFAH

- Physical Description:
 - Darker complexion
 - Moderately tall
 - Known for having elegant clothes and scent
- Mannerisms:
 - Extremely clear and cautious in speech
 - Cautious in business transactions
 - Would donate one dinar every time he took an oath
 - Anything he would spend on his family he would donate an equal amount
 - When he would buy new clothes for himself he would gift a new garment to a scholar

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: ABU HANIFAH

- Worship:
 - Finished Quran in one raka'a
 - Spent entire night in a single sajda
 - Praying Isha and Fajr with same wudu for 40 years
 - Repeating one ayah all night
- His Teachers:
 - Hammad bin Abi Suleiman (18 Years)
 - Ata ibn Abi Rabah
 - Sha'bi
 - Qasim bin Abdulrahman bin Abdullah bin Masood
 - Muhammad Al-Baqir
 - Imam Zuhri
 - Hisham bin Urwa

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: ABU HANIFAH

- His students:
 - Abu Yusuf
 - Muhammad ibn Hasan
 - Zufar
 - Hasan bin Ziyad
 - Abdullah ibn Mubarak
 - Hamza Az-Zayyat
 - Waki' ibn Al-jarrah
- Passed away 150 AH in prison at 70 years old
 - Refused position of Qada

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM MALIK

- Born 93/95 AH in Madinah
- Father and uncles were all scholars of hadith
- Mother was pregnant with him for an extremely long time
- Initially had no interest in knowledge
- Mother pushed him to study
 - Began studying as a teenager
 - Sent him to Rabi'a
- Hadith mentioning the scholar of Madinah

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM MALIK

- Physical Description:
 - Lighter complexion
 - Very tall
 - Long white beard
 - Very nice clothes
 - Bald
- Mannerisms:
 - Intimidating
 - Secluded
 - Respected gatherings of knowledge
 - Known for his Firasa

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM MALIK

- Worship:
 - Didn't change his schedule at all even after he was beaten and became physically weak
 - Would take caution to hide his Ibada
 - Repeating one ayah all night
 - Thursday nights
 - First night of every month
- Teachers:
 - Nafi'
 - Amir bin Abdillah bin Zubair
 - Rabi'a Al-Rai
 - Imam Zuhri

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM MALIK

- Students:
 - Imam Shafi'i
 - Ibn Qasim
 - Ashhab
 - Yahya bin Yahya
- Children:
 - Yahya
 - Muhammad
 - Fatima
- Died 179 AH at 84 years old
 - 5th grandson of ibn Abbas led the janaza
 - Buried in Baqi'

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM SHAFI'Ī

- Born 150 AH in Gaza
- From Banu Hashim
- Mothers dream before his birth
- Moved to Makkah at age 2 after the death of his father
- Learned archery and horsemanship as a young man
- Mother sent him to memorize quran but couldn't pay the teacher
- In spare time would go to circles of knowledge
- Memorized quran at 7, Muwatta at 12

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM SHAFI'Ī

- Physical Characteristics:
 - Tall and skinny
 - Darker complexion
 - Would dye his beard
 - Beautiful voice
- Mannerisms:
 - Eloquence
 - Kindness and Light heartedness
 - Avoided argumentation
 - Generosity
 - Was constantly reciting Quran throughout the day

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM SHAFI'Ī

- Worship:
 - Night in 3 portions
 - 60 Khatm in ramadan
 - Love and respect of the Prophet ﷺ
- His Journey:
 - Makkah
 - Madinah
 - Iraq
 - 2 visits
 - Egypt

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM SHAFI'Ī

- Married to the 4th granddaughter of Uthman RA
 - Had 2 sons (Muhammad) and 2 daughters (Zainab and Fatima)
 - Son of Zainab named Ahmad became a famous scholar
- Teachers:
 - Muslim bin Khalid az-zanji
 - Sufyan bin Uyayna
 - Fudail bin Iyad
 - Imam Malik
 - Muhammad bin Hasan

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM SHAFI'Ī

- Students:
 - Humaidi
 - Imam Ahmed
 - Buwaiti
 - Rabi' bin Sulayman
 - Muzani
- Died 204 AH in Egypt at 54 years old

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM AHMED

- Born 164 AH
- Father passed away before his birth
- Mother raised him
- Started studying at 15 years old
 - Same year as Imam Malik passed away
- Traveled to every major city to study hadith
- Was imprisoned and tortured by Mamun
- Stayed patient and was considered a savior of Islam

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM AHMED

- Physical Characteristics:
 - Was diligent about keeping clean white clothes
- Mannerisms:
 - Intimidating but very welcoming and warm
 - Very tolerant
 - Very humble before elders
 - Secluded

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM AHMED

- Teachers:
 - Sufyan bin Uyayna
 - Imam Shafi'i
 - Abu Yusuf
 - AbdulRazzaq
- Students:
 - Bukhari
 - Muslim
 - Abu Dawood
 - Nasai
 - Tirmidhi
 - Abu Zur'a
 - Abu Hatim

THE ERA OF THE 4 IMAMS: IMAM AHMED

- Worship:
 - Did hajj 5 times, 3 times on foot
 - Finish Quran every week
 - Would nap after Isha briefly and then start qiyam
 - Would hide his worship even while traveling
- Died 241 AH at 77 years old

IJTIHAD & TAQLID

Ijtihad

- Means: Independent Juristic Reasoning
- Types of Ijtihad:
 - Absolute Ijtihad: Ex. 4 Imams
 - Ijtihad in a Madhhab
 - Ijtihad in a specific field: Ex. Food
- Every individual does a certain level of ijtihad in their decision

IJTIHAD & TAQLID

Taqlid

- Means to follow
- An individual:
 - Local Scholar
- A school:
 - One of the 4