these three usages, which can hardly be unrelated to each other, would be in need of further research. While these school traditions continued, there was a marked resurgence of interest in the concept of *qawā'id* from the 8th century A.H. onward, which led to a search for further general rules by explicit induction from the great legal handbooks of the schools.³⁶

(3) Qawā'id kullīyah vs. qawā'id aghlabīyah.

It strikes the modern observer as distinctly odd that the majority of the qawā'id are not generally valid (the maxim form) but only preponderantly so (the double-question form). Since from a logical and structural point of view generally valid principles are preferable, their counterparts must reflect legal practice. They take necessary exceptions into account. Of course, a rule does not cease to be a rule in the presence of exceptions to the rule. But the logical structure of these principles has been disturbing to classical and modern Arab scholars alike.

(4) Theoretical reduction vs. practical multiplicity.

From the time of the legend about Abū Ṭāhir al-Dabbās onward, there has been an endeavor to reduce the number of principles from which "all" cases could be derived to the lowest number possible, the extreme being the ONE principle that Tāj al-Dīn al-Subkī attributes to 'Izz al-Dīn Ibn 'Abd al-Salām. Again, this seems to be a theoretical effort of structuring the law, and more of a game than serious legal work. For practical purposes the lengthy lists of the likes of al-Wansharīsī and Ibn Rajab are indispensable.

(5) The continuum dābiṭ—qāʿidah—maqṣad al-Sharīʿah.

The master principle of 'Izz al-Dīn (jalb al-maṣāliḥ wa-dar' al-mafāsid, "bringing about beneficial circumstances and warding off harmful ones") is really a statement about a certain goal that the Law is set up to accomplish. As such it belongs to the most general category of principles, the maqāṣid al-Sharī ah, which try to determine God's

³⁶ It is interesting to note that there are also modern examples of this procedure, such as 'Alī Aḥmad al-Nadwī, al-Qawā'id wa 'l-ḍawābiṭ al-mustakhlaṣa min al-Taḥrīr li 'l-imām Jamāl al-Dīn al-Ḥaṣīrī (546–636 h), sharḥ al-Jāmī' al-kabīr li 'l-imām Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī; see Bibliography C. For this trend in modern qawā'id literature see al-Bāḥusayn, Qawā'id, 406–409.

hikma in legislating a specific hukm. The maqā, sid have been made the subject of a separate genre of legal-ethical literature, but it is clear that they shade into the qawā sid, especially those that are applicable across the board. Those that are not form a group on the other side of the spectrum, the dawābit, rules that apply only to a specific segment of the Law.

(6) Qawā'id fiqhīyah vs. qawā'id uṣūlīyah.

Although a number of qawā'id works offer a mixture of these two types, they need to be kept apart. The qawā'id uṣūlīyah are hermeneutical principles, distilled from the activities of the uṣūlī who tries to interpret the legal contents and implications of Scripture. They are language-oriented, not about immediate legal substance. It is not clear whether they were formulated under the influence of the qawā'id fiqhīyah, since there is, of course, the most general sense of qawā'id, "rules", as in qawā'id al-naḥw and qawā'id al-tafsīr. Thus it is quite possible that the qawā'id uṣūlīyah were abstracted from the hermeneutical enterprise of the uṣūlī without any input from the qawā'id fiqhīyah. That said, it is certainly true that they did end up in close proximity. It may be that this closeness made some legal scholars realise that, if you take "uṣūl al-fiqh" literally, you may want to assign this term to the qawā'id fiqhīyah, as Ibn Nujaym did.

In any case, it seems clear that, in the discussion of the relationship between $u \circ ullet ulle$

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- Fīrūzābādī, Abū 'l-Ṭāhir Muḥammad b. Yaʿqūb Majd al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī al- (d. 817/1415). *Qawāʿid al-aḥkām*. Miṣr: Mu'assasat Fann al-Ṭibāʿah, n.d. *GAL* ii, 181–83; S ii, 234–36 (*Qawāʿid* not mentioned).
- Hiṣnī, Abū Bakr b. Muḥammad b. 'Abd al-Mu'min Taqīy al-Dīn al- (d. 829/1426). Al-Qawā'id. Ms. Chester Beatty, no. 3226. Vol. 1 edited by 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sha'lān, vol. 2 by Jibrīl al-Buṣaylī (?), typewritten ed. [al-Bāḥusayn]. GAL ii, 95; S ii, 112 (Qawā'id not listed).
- Ibn Khaṭīb al-Dahsha, Abū 'l-Thanā' Maḥmūd b. Aḥmad Nūr al-Dīn (d. 834/1431). Mukhtaṣar Qawā'id al-'Alā'ī wa-tamhīd al-Asnawī. Edited by Muṣṭafā Maḥmūd al-Binjuwaynī. Mosul: Maṭābi' al-Jumhūr, 1984. GAL ii, 66; S ii, 70-71 (Mukhtaṣar not listed).
- Shuqayr, 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. 'Alī Sharaf al-Dīn al-Khalīlī al-Maqdisī (d. 876/1471-72). Nazm al-dhakhā'ir fi 'l-ashbāh wa 'l-nazā'ir. Not extant. Al-Bāḥusayn, 340 [referring to Hadīyat al-'ārifīn].
- Suyūṭī, 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. Abī Bakr Jalāl al-Dīn al- (d. 911/1505). Al-Ashbāh wa 'l-nazū'ir fī qawā'id wa-furū' fiqh al-Shāfi'īyah. Edited by Muḥammad al-Mu'taṣim bi-llāh al-Baghdādī. Beirut: Dār al-Kitāb al-'Arabī, 1407/1987. GAL ii, 143–58; S ii, 178–98 (no. 170).
 - Ibn al-Ahdal, Abū Bakr b. Abī 'l-Qāsim al-Yamanī al-Tihāmī al-Ḥusaynī (d. 1035/1625). Al-Farā'id al-bahīyah fi 'l-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Extant in cmt.s. [mukhtaṣar versification of the three chapters on qawā'id; the variant Fawā'id seems to be faulty]. GAL S ii, 544 (Farā'id not listed).
 - Jarhazī, 'Abd Allāh b. Sulaymān al-Yamanī al- (d. 1201/1786-87). Al-Mawāhib al-sanīyah [sharh al-Fawā'id al-bahīyah]. Extant in cmt. Al-Bāḥusayn, 353.

- Fādhānī, Abū 'l-Fayḍ Muḥammad Yāsīn b. 'Īsā al-Makkī al- (d. 1410/1989-90). Al-Fawā'id al-janīyah, hāshiyah 'alā 'l-Mawāhib al-sanīyah, sharḥ al-Farā'id al-bahīyah fī nazm al-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Edited by Ramzī Sa'd a-Dīn Dimashqīyah. Beirut: Dār al-Bashā'ir al-Islāmīyah, 1411/1991.
- Yūsuf b. Muḥammad al-Baṭṭāḥ al-Ahdal (d. 1246/1830-31). Al-Mawāhib al-'alīyah, sharh al-Fawā'id al-bahīyah fī 'l-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Jadda [sic]: Maktabat Iadda [sic], 1407/1986.
- Laḥjī, 'Abd Allāh b. Saʿīd Muḥammad 'Ibādī al- (d. 1410/1989–90). İdāḥ al-qawāʿid al-fiqhīyah li-tullāb al-madrasah al-sawlatīyah, 3rd printing. Jiddah: Maṭābiʿ al-Ḥaramayn, 1410 h. [a ḥall of the manzūma; al-Madrasah al-Ṣawlatīyah was founded in Mecca in 1290/1873 with funds provided by an Indian lady by the name of Ṣawlat un-Nisāʾ, see al-Bāḥusayn, 354, n. 1].
- Ahdal, 'Abd al-Hādī b. Ibrāhīm al-. Al-Aqmār al-muḍīyah, sharḥ al-Qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Jiddah: Maktabat Jiddah, 1407/1986.
- Fāsī, Abū Zayd 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. 'Abd al-Qādir al-Mālikī [!] al- (d. 1096/1685). Al-Bāhir fī 'khtiṣār al-Ashbāh wa 'l-nazā'ir. Extant? GAL ii, 460; S ii, 694–95 (Bāhir not listed).
- Bahā' al-Dīn Muḥammad b. Muḥammad Bāqir al-Husaynī al-Sabzāwārī al-Nā'īnī al-Imāmī [!] (d. 1133/1720-21). Hāshiyah 'alā 'l-Ashbāh wa 'l-nazā'ir. Extant? Al-Bāḥusayn, 355-56 (the reference to Kaḥḥāla, xi, 196, should be 197, n. 1, but the author of the Hāshiyat al-Ashbāh wa 'l-nazā'ir mentioned there has a different string of nisbahs and the reference to 'Alī Maḥfūz is presently unverifiable).
- Damlījī, 'Abd Allāh b. 'Alī Suwaydān (d. 1234/1819) al-. Sharh al-qawā'id al-khams. Extant. Al-Bāḥusayn, 356 (small risālah of 13 folios, thus an ikhtiṣār, whereabouts of ms. not indicated). GAL ii, 485; S ii, 736 (Sharh al-qawā'id not mentioned).
- Faṣīḥ al-Dīn al-Baghdādī, Ibrāhīm b. al-Sayyid Sibghat Allāh al-Ḥaydarī (d. 1299/1881-82). Hāshiyah 'alā 'l-Ashbāh wa 'l-nazā'ir. Extant? Al-Bāhusayn, 356-57.
- Saqqāf, al-Sayyid 'Alawī b. Aḥmad al- (d. 1335/1916—17). Al-Fawā'id al-makkīyah fīmā yaḥtājuhū ṭalabat al-Shāfi'īyah min al-masā'il wa 'l-ḍawābiṭ wa 'l-ḍawā'id al-kullīyah. In: Sab'at kutub mufidah. Cairo: Muṣṭafā al-Bābī al-Ḥalabī [date?]. He also did a Mukhtaṣar on his own work. Al-Bāḥusayn, 357; GAL S ii, 743 (work finished in 1286/1869, printed Cairo 1303 h, Mecca 1317 h; the Mukhtaṣar printed Cairo 1313 h, 1316 h, Mecca 1319 h).
- Marbūbnajar (?), Muḥammad Nūr al-Dīn al-Makkī. Al-Durar al-bahīyah fī ādāḥ al-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. 2nd ed. Cairo: al-Maktab al-Fannī li 'l-Di'āyah wa 'l-I'lān, 1415/1994. [Based on al-Suyūtī and Ibn Nujaym]
- . Shawārid al-fawā'id fi 'l-ḍawābiṭ wa 'l-qawā'id. Not extant. [Mentioned in Ashbāh, 28]

4. Hanbalī

- Tūfī, Abū 'l-Rabī' Sulaymān b. 'Abd al-Qawīy Najm al-Dīn al-Ṣarṣarī al-Baghdādī al- (d. 716/1316). Al-Qawā'id al-kubrā and al-Qawā'id al-sughrā. Not extant. Al-Būrnū, 28, mentions only the former, saying that it is still in ms.; no details. GAL ii, 108-9; S ii, 133-34 (Qawā'id works not mentioned).
- Ibn Qāḍī 'l-Jabal, Abū 'l-'Abbās Aḥmad b. al-Ḥasan Sharaf al-Dīn al-Maqdisī al-Dimashqī al-Ḥanbalī (d. 771/1370). *Al-Qawāʿid al-fiqhīyah*. Ms. Damascus, Zāhirīyah 2754 (incomplete; attribution correct? See Yūsuf Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥādī, *K. al-Qawāʿid al-kullīyah wa 'l-dawābiṭ al-fiqhīyah*, ed. al-Dawsarī, p. 6 [intro]). *GAL S* ii, 129.
- Ibn Rajab, 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. Aḥmad Zayn al-Dīn (d. 795/1393). Taqrīr al-qawā'id wa-taḥrīr al-fawā'id. 4 vols. Edited by Abū 'Ubayda Mashhūr b. Ḥasan Āl Salmān. Khubar: Dār Ibn 'Affān, 1419/1998 [contains also the Fihrist Kītāb Taqrīr ilkh. by Jalāl al-Dīn Abū 'l-Faraj Naṣr al-Dīn al-Baghdādī]. GAL ii, 107; S ii, 129–30. Ibn al-Laḥḥām, Abū 'l-Ḥasan 'Alī b. 'Abbās 'Alā' l-Dīn al-Ba'lī (d. 803/1401). Al-

- Qawā'id wa 'l-fawā'id al-uṣūlīyah wa-mā yata'allaq bihā min al-ahkām al-far'īyah. Edited by Muḥammad Ḥāmid al-Fiqī. Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmīyah, 1402/1983. GAL S i, 697 (he and his Qawā'id mentioned under al-Kalwadhānī).
- Muḥibb al-Dîn al-Baghdādī, Aḥmad b. Naṣr Allāh (d. 844/1440-41). Hawāshī al-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Not extant. And: Mukhtaṣar qawā'id Ibn Rajab. Not extant. Al-Bāḥusayn, 340.
- Aḥmad b. ʿAbd Allāh al-Qārī al-Ḥanafī [!] (d. 1359/1940). Majallat al-aḥkām al-sharʿīyah ʿalā madhhab al-imām Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal. Edited by ʿAbd al-Wahhāb Abū Sulaymān and Muḥammad Ibrāhīm Aḥmad ʿAlī. Riyadh [?]: Maṭbūʿāt Tihāmah, 1401/1981. [contains a section on qawāʿid].
- Sa'dī, 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. Nāṣir al- (d. 1376/1956–57). Risālah fī 'l-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Al-Ahṣā': Maktabat Ibn al-[awzī, 1410/1989.
- ——. Al-Qawā'id wa 'l-uṣūl al-jāmi'ah wa 'l-furūq wa 'l-taqāsīm al-badī'ah al-nāff'ah. Riyadh: Maktabat al-Ma'ārif, 1406/1985.
- ——. Țarīq al-wuṣūl ilā 'l-ʿilm al-ma'mūl bi-ma'riʃat al-ḍawābiṭ wa 'l-qawāʿid wa 'l-uṣūl. N.p.: Dār Ramādī li 'l-Nashr, 1416/1995.

5. Imāmī

- Ibn al-Muṭahhar al-Ḥillī, Abū Ṭālib Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan Fakhr al-Dīn (d. 771/1369). Al-Qawā'id. Not extant. Al-Bāḥusayn, 331. (GAL ii, 164; S ii, 207, lists Qawā'id al-ahkām fī ma'rifat al-ḥalāl wa 'l-ḥarām as a work of his father, al-'Allāma al-Ḥillī, but no Qawā'id under his own name; see GAL ii, 164; S ii, 209).
- . Īdāḥ al-fawā'id fī hall mushkilāt al-Qawā'id. Mss. (GAL S ii, 207, lists this as a commentary to his father's Qawā'id al-ahkām).
- Shahīd al-Awwal, Abū 'Abd Allāh Muḥammad b. Makkī Shams al-Dīn al-'Āmilī, (d. 782/1389). *Al-Qawā'id wa 'l-fawā'id*. 2 vols. Edited by al-Sayyid 'Abd al-Hādī al-Ḥakīm. Al-Najaf: Maṭba'at al-Ādāb, 1980. [This has a strong component of definitions and divisions.] *GAL* ii, 108; *S* ii, 131–32 (*Qawā'id* not mentioned). Nine hawāshī. See Intro.
- Suyūrī, al-Miqdād b. 'Abd Allāh al-Ḥillī al- (d. 826/1423). Naḍd al-qawāʿid al-fiqhīyah 'alā madhhab al-imāmīyah and Jāmiʿ al-fawāʾid fi talkhīṣ al-Qawāʿid [of al-'Allāmah al-Ḥillī, see above under Ibn al-Muṭahhar]. Both in ms. GAL S ii, 209, 207.
- Shahīd al-Thānī, 'Alī b. Aḥmad Zayn al-Dīn al-'Āmilī al-Jubba'ī, al- (d. 966/1558). Tamhīd al-qawā'id al-uṣūlīyah wa 'l-'arabīyah li-tafīī' fawā'id al-aḥkām al-shar'īyah. Mss. Allegedly printed. GAL ii, 325; S ii, 449-50.
- Anonymous İmāmī. Kashf al-fawā'id min Tamhīd al-qawā'id. Ms. [from al-Zanjānī: Takhrīj, ed. Ṣāliḥ, intro, p. 20].

B. Works on gawa'id in a different sense and works in related fields

- Zanjānī, Abū 'l-Manāqib Maḥmūd b. Aḥmad Shihāb al-Dīn al-Shāfi'ī al- (d. 656/1258). *Takhrīj al-furū' 'alā 'l-uṣūl*. Edited by Muḥammad Adīb Ṣāliḥ. Damascus: Jāmi'at Dimashq/Kullīyat al-Sharī'ah, 1382/1962.
- 'Izz al-Dīn Ibn 'Abd al-Salām al-Sulamī, Abū Muḥammad 'Abd al-'Azīz al-Shāfi'ī (d. 660/1262). Qawā'ūd al-aḥkām fī maṣātiḥ al-anām. Edited by 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Daqr, Damascus: Dār al-Tabbā' 1413/1992. GAL i, 430-31; S i, 766-68. [This might be described as an ethical work in a legal framework, which obviously does contain certain qawā'ūd].
- Ibn Taymīyah, Abū 'l-'Abbās Aḥmad b. 'Abd al-Ḥalīm Taqīy al-Dīn al-Ḥarrānī al-Ḥanbalī (d. 729/1328). Al-Qawā'id al-nūrānīyah al-fiqhīyah. Edited by Muḥammad Ḥāmid al-Fiqī. Beirut: Dār al-Nadwah al-Jadīdah, n.d. [al-Nadwī, 251–53]. GAL ii, 100–5; S ii, 119–26 (Qawā'id not mentioned) [more of a furū' work].

Zarīrānī,³⁷ Abū Bakr 'Abd Allāh b. Muḥammad Taqīy al-Dīn al-Baghdādī al-Ḥanbalī al- (d. 729/1329). *Īdāḥ al-dalā'il fi 'l-farq bayn al-masā'il*. Edited by 'Umar b. Muhammad al-Sabīl. Mecca: Markaz Ihyā' al-Turāth al-Islāmī, 1414 h.

Ibn Juzayy, Abū 'l-Qāsim Muḥammad b. Aḥmad al-Kalbī al-Gharnāṭī al-Mālikī (d. 741/1340). Qawānīn al-ahkām al-sharīyah wa-masā'il al-furū' al-fiqhīyah. Beirut: Dār al-ʿIlm li 'l-Malāyīn, 1968. And: al-Qawānīn al-fiqhīyah. N.p. [Maghreb]: n.publ., n.d. [before 1974]. GAL ii, 264–65; S ii, 377.

Tilimsānī al-Mālikī, Abū 'Abd Allāh Muḥammad b. Aḥmad al-Mālikī al-Sharīf al-(d. 771/1368). Miftāḥ al-wuṣūl ilā binā' al-furū' 'alā 'l-uṣūl. Edited by 'Abd al-Waḥhāb 'Abd al-Laṭīf. Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmīyah, 1983. GAL i, 463; S i,

838 (under al-Hūnaǧī; Miftāḥ not mentioned).

Ibn al-ʿImād, Muḥammad b. Muḥammad al-Miṣrī al-Shāfiʿī (d. 887/1482). Kashf al-sarāʾir fī maʿnā al-wujūh wa ʾl-ashbāh wa ʾl-nazāʾir. Edited by Fuʾād ʿAbd al-Munʿim Aḥmad and Muḥammad Sulaymān Dāwūd. Alexandria: Muʾassasat Shabāb al-Jāmiʿah, n.d. [deals with various meanings of Koranic words in exegesis in the way inaugurated by Muqātil b. Sulaymān].

Ibn 'Abd al-Hādī, Abū 'l-Maḥāsin Yūsuf b. al-Ḥasan Jamāl al-Dīn al-Dimashqī al-Ḥanbalī Ibn al-Mibrad (d. 909/1503). *K. al-Qawā'id al-kullīyah wa 'l-ḍawābiṭ al-fiqhīyah*. Edited by Jāsim b. Sulaymān al-Fuhayd al-Dawsarī. Beirut. Dār al-Bashā'ir al-Islāmīyah, 1415/1994. [Deals with legal classifications and disjunctions.] *GAL*

ii, 107-8; S ii, 130-31 (Qawā'id not mentioned).

C. Contemporary Works on Qawa'id

- 'Abbās, 'Abbās Ḥusnī. *Uṣūl al-qānūn wa 'l-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah.* Riyadh: Jāmi'at al-Malik Su'ūd.
- 'Ajlān, 'Abdallāh b. 'Abd al-'Azīz al-. *Al-Qawā'id al-kubrā fī 'l-fiqh al-islāmī*. Riyādh: Dār Taybah, 1416 h.
- ... "Ahammīyat al-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah fi 'l-fiqh al-islāmī", in: *Majallat al-dirāsāt al-diblūmāsīyah* 11 (1415/1995).
- Bāḥusayn, Ya'qūb b. 'Abd al-Wahhāb al-. Al-Qawā'id al-fiqhīyah: al-Mabādi', al-muqawwimāt, al-maṣādir, al-dalītīyah, al-taṭawwur. Dirāsah nazarīyah taḥtītīyah ta'ṣītīyah tārīkhīyah. Riyadh: Maktabat al-Rushd, Shirkat al-Riyād 1418/1998.
- ——. Qā'idat "al-yaqīn lā yazūlu bi 'l-shakk", dirāsah nazarīyah ta'ṣīlīyah wa-taṭbīqīyah. Riyadh: Maktabat al-Rushd, 1417/1996.
- . Al-Takhrīj 'ind al-fuqahā' wa 'l-uṣūliyyīn. Riyadh: Maktabat al-Rushd, 1414 h. Barakatī al-Hanafī al-. Oawā'id al-fiqh. Dacca, Bangladesh; n.publ., n.d.

Bujnūrdī, al-. Al-Qawā'id al-fighīyah. 6 vols. Najaf: Maţba'at al-Ādāb, n.d.

- Būrnū, Muḥammad Ṣidqī b. Aḥmad al-. Al-Wajīz fī ūdāḥ qawā'id al-fiqh al-kullīyah. Beirut: Mu'assasat al-Risālah, 1404/1983, and Riyadh: Maktabat al-Ma'ārif, 1410/1990.
- ——. Mawsū'at al-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. 7 vols. Beirut: n.p., 1416/1995ff.
- Hurmūsh, Mahmūd Mustafā. Āl-Qā'idah al-kullīyah "i'māl al-kalām awlā min ihmālihī" wa-atharuhā fī 'l-uṣūl. Libya [?]: al-Mu'assasah al-Jāmi'īyah li 'l-Nashr wa 'l-Tawzī', 1406/1987.
- Mujaddidī, Muḥammad 'Amīm al-Iḥsān al-. *Qawā'id al-fiqh.* Karachi: al-Ṣadaf Publishers, 1407/1986. [Author from Bangladesh]
- Nadwī, 'Alī Aḥmad al-. Al-Qawā'id al-fiqhīyah, mafhūmuhā, nash'atuhā, taṭawwuruhā, dirāsat mu'allafātihā, adillatuhā, muhimmatuhā, taṭbīqātuhā. 4th ed., revised and enlarged. Damascus: Dār al-Qalam, 1418/1998.

³⁷ The reading "al-Zarīrātī" is apparently incorrect.

- ——. Al-Qawā'id wa 'l-dawābit al-mustakhlaşah min al-Tahrīr li 'l-imām Jamāl al-Dīn al-Haṣīrī (546–636 h), sharh al-Jāmi' al-kabīr li 'l-imām Muhammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī. Cairo: al-Mu'assasah al-Su'ūdīyah bi-Miṣr, 1411/1991.
- Rūkī, Muḥammad al-. Nazarīyat al-taqʻīd al-fiqhī wa-atharuhā fi 'khtilāf al-fuqahā'. Riyadh: Maṭbaʿat al-Najāḥ bi 'l-Dār l-Bayḍā', 1414/1994.
- Sadlān, Ṣāliḥ b. Ğhānim al-. Al-Qawā'id al-fiqhīyah al-kubrā wa-mā tafarra'a 'anhā. Al-Riyāḍ: Dār Balansiya, 1417 h.
- Zarqā', Aḥmad Muḥammad al-. Sharḥ al-qawā'id al-fiqhīyah. Edited by 'Abd al-Sattār Abū Ghudda. Beirut: Dār al-Gharb al-Islāmī, 1403/1983.
- Zarqā', Muṣṭafā Aḥmad al-. Al-Madkhal al-fiqhī al-ʿāmm, Ikhrāj jadīd. 2 vols. Damascus: Dār al-Qalam, 1418/1998. [The third part is devoted to al-qawā'id al-kullīyah, vol. ii, 965–1091.]

ALTA DISCUSSION

Note: What follows is a synthesis of discussions of the various papers presented at the Alta Symposium and the general discussion that took place during the last afternoon of the symposium.

Bernard Weiss: I suggest that we begin with the subject of the early development of Muslim legal theory. Jon Brockopp has proposed, on the basis of his work on early Mālikī texts, that there were in the Mālikī school two competing theories of authority, one which anticipated classical uṣūl by locating authority in divine revelation as transmitted from the Prophet, and another which vested authority in a "Great Shaykh". Does anyone wish to comment on this idea or raise a question?

SHERMAN JACKSON: I think there's something intuitively powerful about the way Jon has dealt with the issue of authority. The question that comes to my mind is: What kinds of factors should we see as operative in the choice of an authority figure? For example, what would lead Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥakam to embrace Mālik's authority and not Shāfi'ī's. What might Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥakam have seen Mālik as possessing in the way of special powers that would establish his authority?

JONATHAN BROCKOPP: The link between Shāfi'ī and Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥakam is very interesting and not yet fully known. Shāfi'ī lived in Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥakam's house apparently while writing the *Risālah*. Why Mālik instead of Shāfi'ī? It's hard to say. The problem is that we don't have explicit disquisitions on the "Great Shaykh" theory of authority that might indicate what factors were operative in such choices. Why is this so? That's really my question. Why is the "Great Shaykh" theory so evidently there without being formally articulated?

KEVIN REINHART: I have a couple of points. Regarding the "Great Shaykh" concept, I think it is a very powerful explanation for the formation of the madhāhib. But as a theory of authority that is supposed to be implicit in mukhtasarāt and accounts for the absence of references to the Qur'an and Sunnah and so on, it's got some problems. Let me offer an analogy. If you read a book of popular science that explains chaos theory you will find that the explanation will contain no mathematical equations. Is this because chaos theory does not depend on mathematical equations? No. It is due to the nature of popular science. People think that if you're going to sell a book on chaos theory to the unwashed masses you'd better not have any sigmas in it. So I think there may be a disciplining that goes on within the genre of popular science that dictates a lot of what we see in it. The same may be true of the mukhtasar genre. You don't quote the Our'an and Sunnah extensively because this is not what's done in this particular genre, but it is done in other kinds of writing. Now if you were to find actual contradictions, that would change the picture considerably—if, for example, a mukhtasar says the