Journal Title: Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Volume: 22 Issue: Month/Year: 1959 Page: p. 353 Article Author: Tritton, A. S.

Article Title: 'Notes and Communication; Maarij al-Quds'

MA'ARIJ AL-QUDS

This book was published in Cairo in 1346/1927 and the title-page stated that the great Ghazālī was the author; this is a mistake for much of the book is by Ibn Sīnā at first or second hand. Detailed proof of this statement follows.

- p. 21. Illustration of the limbless man in mid air. Ishārāt, 303/119.1
- pp. 25-32 correspond to Shifa', 1, 348-51 with short omissions.
- p. 41. Sense of touch resembles Shifa', 1, 290.
- p. 51 f. The soul's powers of knowing and acting are both reason. <u>Sh</u>ifā',
 r, 291 f., <u>Ish</u>ārāt, 323/125.
- pp. 53-6. The intellect in its upward aspect can be influenced by the upper world. <u>Shifā</u>, 1, 292 f.
 - p. 110. Grades of intellect. Shifa', 1, 293. Najāt, 274.
- p. 137. The active intellect is to the human as the sun is to sight. \underline{Shifa} , r, 356.
- p. 138. The soul has reason potentially and comes to have it in act. <u>Shifā'</u>, 1, 356 (section 5).
 - p. 140. Unity and multiplicity. Shifa', 1, 357.
 - p. 158. The active intellect is named 'the giver of forms'.
 - pp. 160 ff. Definition of hads. Ishārāt, 327/127.
 - p. 189. In the primal being essence and existence are one.
- p. 199. The active intellect gives perfection to human intellects even in this world. $Ish\bar{a}r\bar{a}t$, 328/128.

There are ideas which it seems impossible to ascribe to $\underline{Ghaz\bar{a}l\bar{1}}$. Two versions of the order of creation are: intellect, soul, and matter (hyle); the Pen, the Tablet, and outer darkness; elsewhere it is said that the first creation was the substance of Muḥammad (p. 125). His intellect is above all human intellects and brings them out of potentiality into act (p. 163). The intellect is the origin of material forms (if this is the right rendering of $\underline{dhaw\bar{a}t}$) but itself has none (p. 203). The Lord is the perfection of the all (p. 191). Djinn belong to the sphere of $\underline{khay\bar{a}l}$ —the conventional translation is 'imagination'—and are between the corporeal and the spiritual (p. 160). The childishness of some pairings is unlike $\underline{Ghaz\bar{a}l\bar{1}}$; senses/angels; imagination/Tablet; sinews/heavens; elements/souls.

A MS at Rabat (no. 952) bears the name of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī and is said to be on theology; among other things it contains some account of creation, descriptions of plants, and the letter of Aristotle to Alexander. The ascription to Ghazālī is false. Yāqūt, Mu'jam al-buldān, II, 541, mentions another forgery, manāhij al-'ābidīn, which was fathered on Ghazālī.

A. S. TRITTON

¹ The first figure refers to Mile. Goichon's translation and the second to Forget's text.