

My *isnād* to al-Tirmidhī

Someone with an isnād is like a link in the chain, whenever he moves on any matter the whole chain, up to our master the Messenger of God, moves with him. (‘Abd al-Wahhāb al-Sha‘rānī)

I studied the *Sunan* of Abu ‘Īsā al-Tirmidhī with my teacher the great *Ḥadīth* scholar and *faqīh* Muftī Shabbīr Patel starting on 21 *Shawwāl* 1420 corresponding to 19 January 2000 and finishing in the month of *Rajab* 1420 corresponding to 21 October 2000 at Darul Uloom al-Arabia al-Islamia Bury.

1. Amīn, Ṣuhayb and his son Muḥammad recited the book to him whilst I heard it with the rest of the students.
2. He says I had heard the *Sunan* from my teacher Mufti Muzaffar the son of Mufti Sa‘īd
3. who heard it from his father Mufti Sa‘īd
4. who heard it from sheikh Abd al-Laṭīf
5. who heard it from sheikh Khalīl Aḥmad Saharanpūrī
6. who heard it from Mufti Maḥzar Nanotawī
7. who heard it from sheikh Mamlūk ‘Alī Nanotawī
8. who heard it from sheikh Rashīd al-Dīn al-Bukhārī
9. who heard it from sheikh Abd al-‘Azīz al-Dehalwī...

Second *isnād*

With the same *isnād* from my teacher to sheikh Abd al-Laṭīf

5. who says I have heard it from the sheikh of India Mahmūd al-Hasan al-Deobandī
6. who heard it from Shah Abd al-Ghanī al-Mujaddadī
7. who heard it from Shah Ishāq al-Dehlawī
8. who heard it from sheikh Abd al-ʿAziz al-Dehlawī
9. who heard it from his father the *musnid* of India Shah Waliullah al-Dehlawī.

Shah Waliullah al-Dehlawī says,

10. we have been informed by sheikh Abū Ṭahir al-Madanī
11. from his father Ibrāhīm al-Kurdī
12. from sheikh al-Mizājī
13. from al-Shihāb Aḥmad al-Subkī
14. from al-Najm al-Ghayṭī
15. from al-Zayn Zakariyya
16. from al-ʿIzz ʿAbd al-Raḥīm
17. from sheikh ʿUmar al-Marāghī
18. from Fakhr b. al-Bukhārī
19. from ʿUmar b. Ṭabrizad al-Baghdādī who says,

20. We have been informed by sheikh Abū al-Faṭḥ ʿAbd al-Malik b. Abī al-Qāsim ʿAbd Allāh b. Abī Sahl al-Hirawī al-Karūkhī on the first ten days of Dhū al-Ḥijja 547 AH in Makka, and I was listening (whilst it was being read by someone else).
21. He (al-Karūkhī) said we have been informed by the ascetic judge Abū ʿĀmir Maḥmūd b. Qāsim b. Muḥammad al-Izdī it was recited to him whilst I was listening, in the month of Rabīʿ al-Awwal 482 AH. Al-Karūkhī says we have been informed (also) by sheikh Abū Naṣr ʿAbd al-ʿAzīz b. Muḥammad b. ʿAlī b. Ibrāhīm al-Tiryāqī and sheikh Abū Bakr Aḥmad b. ʿAbd al-Ṣamad b. Abī al-Faḍl b. Abī Ḥāmid al-Gharūjī, it was recited to both of them whilst I was listening in the month of Rabīʿ al-Ākhar 481 AH,
22. they said we have been informed by Abū Muḥammad ʿAbd al-Jabbār b. Muḥammad b. ʿAbd Allāh b. Abī al-Jarrāḥ al-Jarrāhī al-Marwazī al-Marzubānī it was recited to him,
23. he said I have been informed by Abū al-ʿAbbās Muḥammad b. Aḥmad b. Maḥbūb b. Fuḍayl al-Maḥbūbī al-Marwazī and it was acknowledged by the trustworthy reliable sheikh.⁵⁰⁹ (Al-Maḥbūbī says)
24. We have been informed by Abū ʿĪsā Muḥammad b. ʿĪsā b. Sawra b. Mūsā al-Tirmidhī *al-Ḥāfīz*...

⁵⁰⁹ *Fa ʿaqqarra bihī al-Shaykh al-Thiqa al-Amīn*