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**ABSTRACT**

**The Islamic Legal Maxims Derived From Iʻlam al-Muwaqqiʻin by Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyyah**

*القواعد الفقهية المستخرجة من كتاب إعلام الموقعين للعلامة ابن قيم الجوزية*

*Al-Qawaʻid al-Fiqhiyyah* is based on *I‘lam al Muwaqqi‘in* (a work that deals with the fundamentals of Islam) by Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, an illustrious thirteenth-century Sunni scholar of Islamic jurisprudence, hadith and Qur’anic commentaries. ‘Abd al-Majid Jum‘ah al-Jaza’iri’s work was originally a Master’s thesis.

The first part of the book covers the personal and scholarly life of Ibn Qayyim and presents a study of *Iʻlam al-Muwaqqiʻin*. Al-Jaza’iri discusses Ibn Qayyim’s views, methodology and sources. He also studies his legal maxims by looking at the terminology and the distinction between the foundations and specific principles of jurisprudence (*qa‘idah*, principle; *and dabit*,legal maxims about specific subjects of jurisprudence). He also describes Ibn Qayyem’s methodology by examining legal maxims that depend on *ta’sil* (foundations, origins).

Section two, “The legal maxims and their application as derived from *Iʻlam al-Muwaqqiʻin*”,lays the foundation of an elaborate examination of ninety-nine maxims from Ibn Qayyim’s work. This comprises approximately 400 pages of al-Jaza’iri’s work.

Most of the pages in this book include detailed footnotes. In addition there are six indices:

1. Qur’anic verses
2. Hadith (Prophetic sayings)
3. Athar (legacies)
4. Figures mentioned in the text
5. Principles (of jurisprudence) that are foundations and specifically used in this book
6. Index of subjects

A bibliography includes the works of Ibn Qayyim, and other general references.

Overall, the book provides accurate information that is clearly presented and classified according to basic headings. Al-Jaza’iri has explained the research method he has used and has endeavoured to avoid complexity in translating and explaining Ibn Qayyim’s work. The book is a valuable source of information about Ibn Qayyim.

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