

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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**T**HE SAYYID, SHAYKH Muḥammad b. ‘Alawī al-Mālikī al-Ḥasanī ؒ was born in Mecca in the year 1367 H. A descendant of the Prophet’s ؐ grandson, our Master Ḥasan b. ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib ؑ, Shaykh Muḥammad was born into a long line of pious scholars originally hailing from Morocco. His grandfather, al-Sayyid ‘Abbās al-Mālikī was the Mufti of Mecca and the Imām of the Ḥaram during the Ottoman, then Hashemite times, and continued to hold this position after the Saudi Kingdom was established. His father, Sayyid ‘Alawī ؒ, was the leading Mālikī scholar of Mecca and a teacher in the Ḥaram for over 40 years. Shaykh Muḥammad’s most important teacher was his noble father but he also studied with various other leading scholars throughout the world such as: Shaykh Muḥammad Nūr Ṣayf, Shaykh Muḥammad al-Mashāt, Shaykh Muḥammad Amīn al-Kutbī, Shaykh Ḥasan Fad‘aq, Shaykh Muḥammad al-Ḥāfiẓ al-Tijānī, Shaykh Aḥmad Riḍwān, Shaykh ‘Abd al-Ḥalīm Maḥmūd, Shaykh Ṣāliḥ al-Ja‘farī, Shaykh Sa‘īd Yamanī and Shaykh Muḥammad Zākī Ibrāhīm. The Shaykh also obtained a PhD in the science of Ḥadīth from al-Azhar University. Shaykh Muḥammad was, like his father, particularly close with the Bā ‘Alawī scholars of Yemen, and remained in their proximity throughout his life. Following his father’s death, the scholars of Mecca nominated Shaykh Muḥammad to take his place as a teacher in the Ḥaram. He also taught at Umm al-Qurra’ University in Mecca and started his own school at his home. The Shaykh authored numerous books in various fields. He attended meetings, gatherings and celebrations worldwide and became one of the world’s most respected and beloved scholars. The noble Sayyid ؒ returned to his Lord on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Ramaḍān 1422 H. Hundreds of thousands of his admirers attended his funeral, and many millions mourned his loss. May Allah bless and pardon him.

