

## شرح بیست باب در معرفت اسطرلاب

SHARH-I BIST BAB DAR MA'RIFAT-I ASTARLAB

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A commentary on Nasir-ud-Din Tusi's (d. A.H. 672 = A.D. 1273) famous manual بیست باب (so called on account of its being divided into twenty *Bab*) on the construction and use of the astrolabe.

Beginning:

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Besides the well-known work on ethics (see No.938)

Nasir-ud-Din Tusi wrote several works on astronomy, and rendered into Persian the Arabic version of Ptolemy's astrological work *Liber Fructus*, commonly styled شرح تحریر محسنی تذکره Barjandi wrote commentaries upon the تذکره and the تصریه بطيیموس of Tusi and also left several other works. See No. 1042. According to Habib us-Siyar, vol. iii, juz 4, p. 117, he was still living in A.H. 930 = A.D. 1523. See Rieu i, p.453; St. Petersburg Catalogue, p.111; Buhar Lib. Catalogue, vol. i, p. 178. See also Haj. Khal. vol. iv, p.471; Rosen p.318, etc.

According to Rieu and the Buhar Lib. copy the commentary was completed in A.H. 889 = A.D. 1484.

The commentary is preceded by a detailed and descriptive list of the contents, with reference to pages, by Hafiz Ullah حفیظ الله, who in a short preface says that when, at his request, Mirza Muhammad Abu Turab completed the transcription of the copy, he (Hafiz Ullah), prefix a list for the convenience of readers.

The copy contains valuable marginal notes and annotations, which according to the colophon are due to the commentator himself, and glosses due to Abul Khayr Munajjim, entitled Khayr Ullah Khan Muhandis خیر المهنديين ابو الحیر منجم السخاط who wrote a commentary of Nasir-ud-Din Tusi's edition of the Arabic version of Ptolemy's Almagest (تحریر المحسنی) see No. 1058. It also contains diagrams, several of which are on inter-leaved sheets. Interlinear notes in red are found throughout the copy.

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