

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin bin Hamad Al-Abbaad

Early Life

His family, Aali Badr, descends from the ancient Arab tribe 'Anazah, one of the descendant tribes of 'Adnan (from the lineage of Prophet Isma'eel 'alayhis-salām). His great-grandfather's nickname was 'Abbaad, and some of his descendants—such as the Shaykh himself and his mother—became known by it.



He was born in Ramadaan 1353H (1935CE) in Zulfi, Saudi Arabia, where he grew up and learned the basics of reading and writing.

When Zulfi's first school opened in 1368H, he joined and completed his primary degree in 1371H. He then moved to

Riyadh to study at the Educational Institute, where Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez bin Baaz was teaching in his first year there. He became personally close to him as Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin mentioned: *"Most of the contact I had with him would occur in between classes and in the masjid. I would also visit him in his home."*

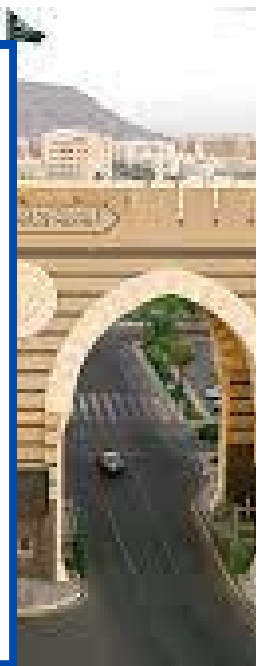
He was a talented and dedicated student finishing first in his class of students at university. He began his teaching career at the Educational Institute of Buraidah and the Educational Institute of Riyadh.

Madinah University

In 1380AH the Islamic University of Madeenah opened and the first college was the College of Sharee'ah.

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin delivered the first ever class there. He taught alongside his respected teacher Shaykh Bin Baz for 15 years.

Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin later became president of the whole university.



His Presidency



Growing the Library

During the time that he served as president of the University, about five-thousand manuscripts were added to its library. Shaykh Hammad Al-Ansaaree was employed to bring books and copies from libraries all around the world.

Expansion

He presided over the university at a significant time when post-graduate programs were introduced, new faculties in Qur'an, Hadeeth, and Arabic established and the campus expanded for 20,000 students..

Diligence at Work

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin would work beyond what was required of him. He would open up the university before others arrived and work past asr when they had returned home.



His Sayings and Character

The Shaykh has a beautiful character and deep love for the Sahaba.

Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin once said:

"From the most beloved of deeds to me is my immense love for the Companions of Allah's Messenger ﷺ and my hatred for those who hate them.

I named my sons after the rightly guided Khaleefahs and my daughters after the Mothers of the Believers. I ask Allah to gather me with them and to increase them in virtue and reward."

He is known for humility, honesty and integrity. Even as University President, he refused to use official cars for personal errands, and after his term ended, he declined a lift from the University driver, saying: "My term has ended, and I've called my son to collect me."

He continued to teach at the Islamic University well past retirement age and also held classes at Masjid An-Nabawi.



Humour

The Shaykh had a good sense of humour. He once mentioned during a lecture that he had joked with another shaykh about his age during Hajj. When a man with completely white hair entered their tent, he gently teased that the man was his friend's age—only to find out the man was actually one of his own former students from Riyadh!

A scholarly son

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin Al-Abbaad's son, Dr. 'Abdur-Razzaaq Al-'Abbaad teaches at the Islamic University of Madinah where he also gained a Doctorate in 'Aqeedah.

Quotes about our noble shaykh

Shaykh Hammad Al-Ansaaree (rahimahullāh)

"A historical account should be written about Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin Al-'Abbaad. I never saw anyone so diligent and pious in his work."

Shaykh al-Albānī (rahimahullāh)

"I do not know anyone in this era equal to him in devotion to the Hadeeth and vast research into it."

Alhamdulillah Allah has blessed our Shaykh with a long life of seeking and teaching knowledge of Islam. He is now over 90 years old. May Allah preserve and bless him.

SHAYKH ABDUL-MUHSIN AL-ABBAAD



Born



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