

MECCA AND TAMĪM

(ASPECTS OF THEIR RELATIONS)

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The history of Tamīm in the times of the Jāhiliyya is of special importance. Information about Tamīm in Arabian sources point clearly to the close relations of the leaders of Tamīm with the kings of al-Ḥīra. But there was another centre as well, with which Tamīm was closely connected: it was Mecca. It may be ventured to say that Tamīm played a considerable role in the history of Mecca in the times of the Jāhiliyya and were quite helpful in the establishment of the dominant position of this city in the tribal society of the Arabian peninsula.

The examination of the contacts between Mecca and Tamīm may shed some light on the origin of the "tribal commonwealth" under the leadership of Mecca and on the ways of Meccan diplomacy in its tribal environment. A scrutiny of these data may lead to a revision of some opinions about the relations between Mecca and the tribes and to an elucidation of some events during the period of the struggle between the Prophet and Mecca.

The discussion of the relations between Mecca and Tamīm may be preceded by some remarks about the relations between the Arab tribes and al-Ḥīra at the end of the sixth century.

The second half of the 6th century was a period of fundamental changes in the relations between the tribes of North-East Arabia and al-Ḥīra. The defeat of the forces of al-Ḥīra, who took part in the raids against tribes and fought in the inter-tribal encounters—undermined the prestige of the rulers in the opinion of the tribes. Privileges of guarding of caravans granted to some chiefs caused jealousy and conflict between the tribes and led to clashes between them. Discontented tribes rose in rebellion against al-Ḥīra. Raids on caravans of the rulers occurred frequently

and roads of commerce became unsafe; the rulers of al-Ḥīra began to lose control of the commercial roads and their prestige dwindled. The weakness of the rulers of al-Ḥīra and their Persian masters was apparent; troops of the Persian garrisons who took part in some battles on the side of the loyal tribes were defeated. A case of this kind is recorded by al-Balādhurī.

Wa-aghārat Bakru bnu Wā'ilin 'alā Banī 'Amri bni Tamīmin yauma l-Ṣalībi wa-ma'abum nāsūn min al-Asāwirati, fa-baḥamathum Banū 'Amrin, wa-qatala Ṭarīfun ra'sa 'l-Asāwirati, fa-qāla:

Wa-laulā 'ṭṭirādī bi-l-Ṣalībi lasuwwiqat: nisā'u unāsīn bayna Durnā wa-Bāriqī

“And the Bakr b. Wā'il attacked the Banū 'Amr (of Tamīm) at the “Day of al-Ṣalīb”. With them were men from the Asāwira. The Banū 'Amr defeated them and Ṭarīf killed the chief of the Asāwira and said:

Were it not my drive at al-Ṣalīb—there would have been driven women of men between Durnā and Bāriq”¹).

Equipment supplied by the Persians to loyal tribes was taken as booty by the victorious hostile tribes²).

Meanwhile the disintegration of the Persian Empire at the end of the 6th century must have been felt at al-Ḥīra. Al-Nu'mān, the last ruler of al-Ḥīra, seems to have sympathised with the Arabs and it is plausible that he might have come in touch with some leaders of tribes, attempting to make common cause with the strong tribes. In an apocryphal story the following saying is attributed to al-Nu'mān: *innamā anā rajulun min-kum, wa-innamā malaktu wa-'aḥaḥtu bi-makānikum wa-mā yutakhawwafu min nāḥiyatikum . . . li-ya'lama anna 'l-'Araba 'alā għayri mā ḡanna au ḥaddatha nafsahu . . .*³). Nöldeke rightly stressed the fact that the dynasty of Lakhm

1) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 105b.

2) See *Naqā'id*, p. 581: *wa-kānat Bakrun tahta yadi Kisrā wa-Fārisa. Qāla: fa-kānū yuḡawwimūnabum wa-yuḡabbizūnabum. Fa-aqbalū min 'indi 'āmili 'Ayni 'l-Tamri . . . etc.* (“Bakr were under the control of Kisrā and the Persians. They used to strengthen them and to equip them. They came from the governor (of Kisrā) of 'Ayn al-Tamr . . .”).

3) Ibn 'Abd Rabbihi: *al-'Iqd al-farīd* I, 169.

seems to have become too independent in their attitude for Kisrā¹⁾. Rothstein quotes a passage from al-Dīnawarī in which Kisrā is said to have argued that he killed al-Nu'mān because al-Nu'mān and his family made common cause with the Arabs²⁾. According to a tradition, recorded by Abū 'l-Baqā', Kisrā intended after the death of al-Mundhir to send a Persian governor with 12,000 Asāwira to al-Ḥīra. He changed his mind and decided to appoint one of the children of al-Mundhir after a talk with 'Adiyy b. Zayd³⁾. Poetry of the Jāhiliyya fairly reflects the resistance of the tribes to foreign rule; poets praise their clans that they fought the kings⁴⁾ and killed them⁵⁾. Al-Nu'mān must have been aware of chaos in the Persian Empire and of the rise of the power of the Arab tribes and might have planned a new line in his policy which did not accord with Persian interests. There must be a grain of truth in the suspicions of Kisrā. It seems that the dynasty of Lakhm was abolished because it could not be trusted. The Lakhmids became unable to secure the ways of commerce. They failed to prevent the Arab tribes to raid the territories of the Persian Empire.

Nöldeke suggests that the abolition of the dynasty of Lakhm facilitated the raids of the territory of al-Ḥīra by the Arab tribes⁶⁾. Brockelmann considers the defeat of the Persian forces at Dhū Qār as a consequence of the abolition of this dynasty⁷⁾. Levi della Vida assumes that "with the fall of this buffer state the door was opened to Arabians for invasion"⁸⁾. But the door was in fact opened to Arab invasion because of the decline of the Persian Empire and of the rise of power of the Arab

1) T. Nöldeke: *Geschichte der Perser u. Araber*, p. 332, n. 1.

2) Rothstein: *Die Dynastie der Lakhmiden*, pp. 116-117.

3) Abū 'l-Baqā': *Manāqib*, ms. f. 106a.

4) See Levi della Vida: *Pre-Islamic Arabia (The Arab Heritage)*, p. 50.

5) See al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh* I, 26:

*Al-qātilina min al-Manādhiri sab'atan
fī 'l-kabfi fauqa wasā'idī l-rayḥāni*

(said in praise of the Banū Ḥarmala. The *al-Manādhira* are explained as "al-Nu'mān b. al-Mundhir and his kin").

6) T. Nöldeke, *op. cit.*, *ib.*

7) C. Brockelmann: *History of the Islamic Peoples*, p. 8.

8) Levi della Vida, *op. cit.*, p. 51.

tribes. Persian garrisons were not able to prevent the raids of the tribes and Persian troops were defeated by troops of Arab tribes.

The Arab tribes, disappointed by the policy of al-Hira and Persia, and aware of the weakness of the client kingdom began to look for a body politic of their own with a competent leadership. This was created by the emergence of a new idea of an equalitarian association, based on common interest: "The Commonwealth of Mecca".

The traditions about this period of the establishment of the power of Mecca, although scanty, give us a rough idea of the stages of this development.

A concise account of Muḥammad b. Sallām¹⁾ furnishes an introduction to the problem. The Quraysh were merchants. Their trade did not, however, exceed the boundaries of Mecca. The foreign merchants brought their merchandise and the merchants of Mecca sold the wares to the inhabitants of Mecca and the neighbouring tribes. Such was their trade till Hāshim b. 'Abd Manāf went to Syria and alighted (in the territory) of the Emperor (Qaysar). He slaughtered every day a sheep and prepared a broth with crumbled bread for the neighbouring people. Thus he gained his nickname "Hāshim", "the crumbler of the bread in the broth"²⁾. (His name was in fact 'Amr.) He was invited by the Emperor and used to visit him. When he realised that he had gained his favour, he asked him to give the merchants of Mecca a letter of safe conduct for themselves and their merchandise. They would bring leathers and clothes from the Ḥijāz to Syria, which would be cheaper for the inhabitants of Syria. The Emperor granted him the requested letter of safe conduct for the merchants from Mecca, visiting Syria. On his way back he met the chiefs of the tribes he passed, and secured from them the *ilāf*, the pact of security in their tribal areas, yet without concluding an

1) al-Qāli: *Ḍhayl al-amālī*, p. 200; al-Kalā'i: *al-Iktifā'* I, 207-209; Muhammad Hamidullah: *Al-ilāf* ou les rapports économique—diplomatiques de la Mecque pré Islamique (*Mélanges Louis Massignon*, II, 293 seq.); idem: *Muslim Conduct of State*, 102; Zāfir al-Qāsimi: *al-Ilāf wa-l-ma'ūnāt ghayru 'l-masbrūṭa*, RAAD, XXXIV, pp. 243-255.

2) For another explanation of this nickname see Caetani: *Annali* I, 109-110 (90).

alliance. The merchants of Quraysh would carry the goods to Syria, paying the Bedouins their capital and their profit (scil. for their goods) ¹). Hāshim himself went out with the merchants of Mecca in order to carry out the provisions of the treaties concluded with the tribes. He led the Meccan merchants to Syria and settled them in Syrian towns. He died on this journey at Ghazza. Al-Muṭṭalib b. ‘Abd Manāf went to al-Yaman and gained a similar charter for the merchants of Quraysh from the rulers of al-Yaman and *ilāf* from the chiefs. He died in Radmān. ‘Abd Shams b. ‘Abd Manāf went to Abyssinia and on his way gained the *ilāf*. Naufal, the youngest of the brothers, got the charter from the Persian Emperor (Kisrā) and *ilāf* from the tribal chiefs (on the way to Persia). He then went back to ‘Irāq and died in Salmān. Quraysh afterwards developed their trade. Quraysh developed their trade in the period of the Jāhiliyya and their wealth increased. It was the Banū ‘Abd Manāf to whom Quraysh in Jāhiliyya were mostly indebted (for their deed).

Ibn Sa’d records the story of Hāshim who got the *ilāf* and the charters of the rulers ²). The charters of the rulers are rendered by al-Qālī ‘*ahd* or *amān*. Ibn Sa’d uses the term *ḥilf*. Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb uses (in the chapter of the *ilāf*) the word *ilāf* for the charters and the agreements with the chiefs of the tribes ³).

Al-Balādhurī uses in his report about the *ilāf* the expression ‘*iṣam* for

1) Muḥ. Hamidullah translates *wa-‘alā anna Qurayshan taḥmilu labum* (so in the text of *al-Munammaq*; the text of al-Qālī has *ilayhim*) *baḍā’i’a fa-yakfūnahum ḥumlānabā wa-yu’addūna ilayhim ru’ūsa amwālihim wa-ribḥahum* as follows:

„et leur remettraient la prix réalisée, sans pour autant les charger des pais ou déduire des commissions. . .”; he renders the passage into English as follows: “. . .promised. . . to carry their goods as agents without commission for commercial purposes or otherwise concluded treaties of friendship. . .”

This translation seems to be inaccurate.

2) Ibn Sa’d: *Ṭabaqāt* I, 75-80 (ed. Beirut); a tradition told on the authority of ‘Abdallah b. Naufal b. al-Hārith (see Ibn Hajar: *al-Isāba*, No. 4994) states that Hāshim wrote to al-Najāshī (the king of Abyssinia) asking him to grant a charter for the merchants of Mecca. The economic base of the *ilāf* is here recorded as follows: . . . ‘*alā an taḥmila Qurayshum baḍā’i’abum wa-lā kirā’a ‘alā ahli l-ṭarīqi* (p. 78). This helps to understand the passage discussed in the preceding note.

3) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 162 seq.

the charters of the rulers. Naufal b. 'Abd Manāf is said to have got the 'iṣām from the kings of al-'Irāq¹).

Al-Ṭabarī uses the words 'iṣām and ḥabl to denote the charter. Naufal got the ḥabl from the Chosroes (al-Akāsira) and they (i.e. the merchants of Quraysh) frequented al-'Irāq and Persia²).

Al-Tha'ālibī records that Hāshim took the ilāf from the enemies³).

This phrase about the ilāf taken from the enemies is recorded by al-Tha'ālibī in another report, which essentially deviates from the narratives about the ilāf mentioned above⁴). Quraysh—reports al-Tha'ālibī—used to trade only with merchants who frequented the markets of Dhū Majāz and 'Ukāz during the sacred months and came to Mecca. The reason for this was, that Quraysh were devoted to their dīn and loved their ḥaram and their bayt and used to serve the visitors of Mecca to their advantage. The first, who went out to Syria and visited kings and made far journeys and passed by enemies (i.e. hostile tribes) and took from them the ilāf mentioned by Allah (in the Qur'ān) was Hāshim. Al-Tha'ālibī mentions his two trips (to the 'Abāhila in al-Yaman and al-Yaksūm in Abyssinia in winter; to Syria and Byzantium in summer) and says about the ilāf: he took the ilāf from the heads of the tribes and the chieftains for two reasons: because the people of the ḥaram and others were not safe (of the attacks) of the "wolves of the Arabs" and the Bedouin brigands and men of raids and people involved

1) al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb*, I, 59; for the word 'uṣum see al-A'shā: *Dīwān*, p. 29.

2) al-Ṭabarī: *Ta'rīkh* II, 12.

3) al-Tha'ālibī: *Laṭā'if al-ma'ārif*, p. 5 (ed. de Jong, 1867).

4) al-Tha'ālibī: *Thimār al-qulūb*, p. 89 seq. The exclusiveness of the ilāf for Quraysh is attested in the report by the verses of Musāwir b. Hind:

*Za'amitum anna ikhwatakum Qurayshun
lahum ilfun wa-laysa lakum ilāfū.
Ulā'ika ūminū jū'an wa-khaufan
wa-qad jā'at Banū Asadin wa-khāfū.*

See *Ḥamāsa* (Sharḥ al-Marzūqī - ed. A. S. Hārūn), p. 1449, No. 605; comp. al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb* I, 89 (Nutayla about her son Ḍirār b. 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib):

sanna li-Fibrin sunnata 'l-ilāfi

and see al-Hamdānī *al-Iklīl* I/II, ms. f. 26a:

*Fa-lā tuḡṣū Ma'addan, inna fihā
ilāfa 'llāhi wa-l-amru 'l-samīnu.*

in long-lasting actions of revenge and because there were tribes that like the tribes of Ṭayy, Khath'am and Quḏā'a, did not respect the sanctity of the ḥaram, and the sacred months whilst the other tribes performed the pilgrimage to the Ka'ba and respected the House. The *ilāf*, records al-Tha'ālibī, meant a sum that was granted by Hāshim to the heads of the tribes as profit while he undertook the transport of their wares together with his own and drove for them camels along with his camels, in order to relieve them of the hardships of the journey and to relieve Quraysh from the fear of the enemies. That was an advantage for both sides; the staying (scil. the Bedouins) were profiting, the journeying (Qurashites-scil.) were safe (guarded). Conditions of Quraysh improved.

Ibn Abī 'l-Ḥadīd records two accounts: ¹⁾ the account given by al-Qālī and an account of al-Jāḥiẓ recorded in his *Faḍl Hāshim 'alā 'Abd Shams* ²⁾. This account of al-Jāḥiẓ is explicit about the shares of profit given the chiefs of the tribes by Hāshim. (. . . *wa-sharika fī tijāratibi ru'asā'a 'l-qabā'ili min al-'Arabi . . . wa-ja'ala lahum ma'abu ribḥan . . .*)

Al-Jāḥiẓ records another version about the *ilāf*: Hāshim imposed taxes on the heads of the chiefs of the tribes. These sums collected by Hāshim enabled him to organise the defence for the people of Mecca from brigands and tribes who did not respect the sanctity of Mecca ³⁾.

The account of al-Ya'qūbī ⁴⁾ gives the already mentioned version about the four brothers who gained the *ilāf*. The account contains, however, a sentence, which gives a clue for the assessment of the validity of these agreements of the *ilāf*, concluded by Hāshim: After the death of Hāshim—says al-Ya'qūbī—Quraysh were afraid that the Bedouin tribes might get the upper hand. This sentence indicates that the *ilāf* agreements had not been actually carried out. Quraysh feared that some tribes might refrain from carrying out the terms of the pacts. It was the energetic action of the sons of 'Abd Manāf and the profits granted the chiefs which caused that the chiefs kept their obligations in connection with the *ilāf*.

1) Ibn Abī 'l-Ḥadīd: *Sharḥ nahj al-balāgha* III, 454, 458.

2) al-Jāḥiẓ: *Rasā'il*, p. 70 (ed. Sandūbī).

3) *ib.*

4) al-Ya'qūbī: *Ta'rīkh* I, 278 (ed. Najaf I, 200).

Lexical explanations of the word *ilāf* examined by Birkeland render the word as "protection", "a pact providing security" etc.¹⁾ Birkeland states that the meaning of the word "protection" is not given in the commentaries of the Qur'ān, except Alūsī. This explanation is, however, given by Abū Ḥayyān²⁾. Abū Ḥayyān quotes the opinion of al-Naqqāsh, that there were 4 journeys (i.e. they sent 4 caravans: to Syria, Abyssinia, al-Yaman and Persia). Abū Ḥayyān does not agree with the refutation of Ibn 'Aṭīyya and quotes for his argument the story of the 4 sons of 'Abd Manāf, who got the *ilāf*. Abū Ḥayyān quotes the explanation of al-Azharī of the word *ilāf*, and the verses of Maṭrūd b. Ka'b. (translated by Birkeland)³⁾. The explanation of al-Azharī is given as well in the commentary of the *Ma'āhid al-tanṣīṣ* to the verses of Musāwir b. Hind.⁴⁾: "a kind of protection by means of guarding (*Shibhu' l-ijārati bi-l-khafāra*)".

It may be said that the accounts about the *ilāf* outlines the essential phenomena of the changes in Mecca. Mecca, a small centre for distribution of goods for the Bedouin tribes in the vicinity of the city, rose to the position of an important centre of transit trade. It was the merchants of Mecca, who carried the wares to Syria, Abyssinia, al-'Iraq and al-Yaman. The family who laid the foundations for the revolutionary change was that of 'Abd Manāf. The trade based on the pacts of *ilāf* was a joint enterprise of the clans of Quraysh headed by the family of 'Abd Manāf. The pacts concluded with the tribes were based on a hitherto unknown principle of trade interest. It was not an alliance (*hilf*) with obligations of mutual help and protection. It was not an obligation of the tribes to guard the caravans of Quraysh against payment practised by the tribes in their relations with the caravans of al-Ḥira. The *ilāf* agreements were set up on a base of share in profit for the heads of the tribes and apparently employment of the men of the tribes as escort of the caravans.

1) H. Birkeland: *The Lord Guideth*, p. 106-107; comp. al-Zamakhsharī: *al-Fā'iq* I, 40 (ed. Muḥ. Abū 'l-Faḍl Ibrāhīm-Bijāwi).

2) Abū Ḥayyān: *al-Baḥr al-muḥīṭ* VIII, 515 (Sūrat li-ilāfi Qurayshin).

3) Birkeland, *op. cit.*, p. 119; see al-Qālī: *Amālī* I, 241; al-Bakrī: *Simt*, p. 547-50; al-Sharīf al-Murtaḍā: *Amālī* IV, 178-79.

4) al-'Abbāsī: *Ma'āhid al-tanṣīṣ* I, 95 (Cairo 1316 AH).

One may assume that the *ilāf* must have contained a paragraph concerning the observation of the sacred months, namely the keeping of peace during these months and respecting the sanctity of Mecca (or rather the inviolability of Mecca). The *ilāf* meant in fact the acceptance of the "Pax Meccana" by the tribes, the acknowledgment of the position of the Meccans and the Meccan trade and the setting up of an economic co-operation based on common interest. That explains the peculiar passage in the account of al-Tha'ālibī about the pacts with the (hitherto) hostile tribes.

Birkeland, discussing the historical background of the verses 1-2 of Sūra 106, stresses the importance of the *ilāf* pacts and states that "their (i.e. Quraysh) financial skill and their possession of the sacred territory had made them the economic masters of Western Arabia about a hundred years before the Prophet ¹⁾". But the statement of Birkeland may be extended to Eastern Arabia as well. The dimensions of the trade of Quraysh were very large ²⁾.

It is conceivable, that the tribal chiefs might have preferred to collaborate with the merchants of Mecca. In their co-operation with Quraysh their profits were more stable, they could establish closer relations with them and actually did so. They were welcomed in Mecca and could enter it without fear. In al-Ḥira they were submissive and servile, in Mecca they could negotiate as equals.

The impression made by the enterprise of Mecca is vividly described in a story recorded by al-Ya'qūbī ³⁾: A Kalbī tribesman in the service of a Kalbī woman (a merchant) on the Syrian border witnessed the arrival of a Meccan caravan in Syria. He gives details about the personality of Hāshim and his dignity, about the respect shown to him by the chiefs of Mecca, about his generosity and remarks: "By God, that is the true splendour, not the splendour of the Banū Jafna". It is a sentence which is remarkable: the glory of the Qurashī leader, his manners and

1) Birkeland, *op. cit.*, p. 122 seq.

2) See E. R. Wolf: The social organization of Mecca and the origins of Islam, *Southwestern Journal of Anthropology*, 1951, pp. 330-337.

3) al-Ya'qūbī: *Ta'rīkh* I, 280 (201 ed. Najaf).

behaviour were much more akin to the Kalbī Bedouin than the aloofness of the Jafnī ruler. It is a sentence forming a prelude for the future.

A peculiar tradition, which seems to throw some light on the situation in Mecca in the times of Hāshim deserves to be examined. This tradition, quoted by al-Suyūṭī from the *Muwaffaqiyyāt* of al-Zubayr b. Bakkār ¹⁾ is told on the authority of ‘Umar b. ‘Abd al-‘Azīz. According to this tradition the nobles of Quraysh used to practice in the Jāhiliya the *i’tifād* ²⁾. *I’tifād*—records al-Suyūṭī—meant that when they lost their property they used to leave for the deserts, where they pitched tents and patiently awaited death “one after another” (*tanāwabū*) till they died, before people might know about their plight. So things went on till Hāshim grew up and became a man of influence among his people. He summoned Quraysh and said: “O Quraysh, might goes with abundance, and you became the richest of the Arabs and the mightiest and the *i’tifād* ruined many of you”. He put forward his proposition which was accepted by Quraysh, to attach to every rich Qurashī a poor man. The poor would help the rich in his journeys with the caravans and “live in his shade by the redundancy of his property”. That would be the means to stop the custom of *i’tifād*. They agreed and Hāshim brought the people together (i.e. the rich and the poor). When the event of Elephant occurred (that was the key of the Prophecy and the commencement of the splendour of Quraysh, so that all people respect them; in this year the Prophet was born) and when later revelations were revealed to the Prophet—God revealed to the Prophet ordering him to inform his people what he did for them and how He helped them against the people of the Elephant. “Hast thou not seen how thy Lord dealt with the owners of the Elephant?” ³⁾. Then He said: “And why did I do it, O Muḥammad, for your people, whilst they were at that time worshippers of idols? So He said to them: *Li-īlāfi Qurayshin* ⁴⁾. It means: Because of their mutual feeling of mercy and

1) al-Suyūṭī: *al-Durr al-manthūr* VI, 397 (Sūra 106).

2) in text *iḥtifād*, which must be a mistake.

3) Sūra CV.

4) Sūra CVI.

their mutual help. They were pagans. He freed them from the fear of the Elephant. "He fed them against hunger" means the hunger of *i'tifād*.

The tendency of the tradition is to render the word *li-īlāfi Quraysh* as denoting *li-tarāḥumi Qurayshin wa-tawāṣulibim*. But the story itself, rather loosely connected with the interpretation of the *āya*, seems in fact, to reflect the situation before the *īlāf*. Al-Zubayr b. Bakkār had an outstanding knowledge of the social and economic situation of Mecca in the times of Jāhiliyya and this story may contain a good deal of truth. The tradition points to the fact, that before the action of Hāshim the caravans were sent by individuals. Before the *īlāf* were concluded the sending of caravans seems to have been very risky and in case of an attack of brigands or of a hostile tribe the tradesman, who invested all his capital, lost everything. It was the *īlāf* which made the journeys secure.

The proposition of Hāshim to include the poor in the enterprise of the caravans was a bold one. It meant to give the poor some shares in the profits as payment for their work or, probably, against investment of small sums by poor relatives.

This trend seems to be echoed in one of the verses of Maṭrūd b. Ka'b:¹⁾

*Wa-l-khālīṭūna ghaniyyahum bi-faḡīribim
ḥattā yakūna faḡīrubum ka-l-kāfi*

"And who mix their rich with their poor
till their poor becomes like an able (man to bestow his favour
on needy)".

This idea of "mixing of the poor" (or inferior people) with rich and wealthy was an ideal of the Jāhili society and is attested by verses ²⁾.

1) See above p. 120 n. 3; and see these verses as well: Ibn al-ʿArabī: *Muḥāḍarat al-abrār* II, 119; al-Ṭabarsī: *Majmaʿ al-bayān* (Sūra 106); al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb* I, 58; al-Yaʿqūbī: *Taʾrīkh* I, 202 (ed. Najaf); al-Diyārbakrī: *Taʾrīkh al-Khams* I, 156.

2) Comp. al-Qāli: *Amālī* II, 158; al-Bakrī: *Simṭ* p. 548; Ibn Sharaf: *Rasāʾil al-intiqād* (*Rasāʾil al-bulaghā*) p. 334 (Khiriq):

It is a significant tradition in which the ideal of the Jāhiliyya is reflected in care for the needy of the clan, whereas the embracing of Islam is considered as deviation from this ideal.

Nu‘aym b. ‘Abdallah¹) of the ‘Uwayj (of the ‘Adiyy Quraysh) embraced Islam. His father used to feed the poor of the ‘Adiyy. After Nu‘aym had embraced Islam he was met by al-Walid b. al-Mughīra al-Makhzūmī who said to him: “O son of ‘Abdallah, you pulled down what your father built and you cut what he linked (by his favours), when you followed Muḥammad”²).

The account of al-Balādhurī about the *Ḥilf al-Fudūl* mentions a special obligation to help the needy arriving at Mecca with the surplus of the property of the people who entered the alliance (...*Ta‘āqadū ‘alā... wa-muwāsāti abli ‘l-fāqati mimman warada Makkata bi-fudūli amwālihim*)³).

An Anṣārī poet, al-Nu‘mān b. ‘Ajlān while boasting of the deeds of the Anṣār for the Muhājirūn, says:

*Wa-qulnā li-qaumin ḥājarū: marḥaban bikum
wa-ablan wa-sablan, qad amintum min al-faqri*

*Wa-l-khālīfina naḥītabum bi-nuḍārihim
wa-dhawī ‘l-ghinā minhum bi-dhī ‘l-faqri*

and see Ibn al-Shajari: *al-Ḥamāsa*, p. 56 (‘Amr b. Iṭnāba):

*Wa-l-khālīfina ḥalīfahum bi ṣarīḥihim
wa-l-bādhilina ‘aṭā’ahum li-l-sā’ili*

and see al-Khālidiyyāni: *al-Ashbāḥ* I, 20; Ḥassān: *Dīwān* p. 308:

*Wa-l-khālīfina ḡhaniyyahum bi-faqīrihim
wa-l-mun‘imīna ‘alā ‘l-faqīri l-murmili*

and comp. al-A‘shā: *Dīwān* III, 35:

*Wa-abāna ṣāliḥa mālihi li-faqīrihā
wa-asā, wa-aṣlaḥa baynahā, wa-sā’a lahā*

and see Ibn ‘Abd al-Barr: *al-Istī‘āb*, p. 300 (al-Nu‘mān b. Bashīr):

*Fa-lā ta’dudī ‘l-maulā sharīkaka fī ‘l-ghinā
wa-lakinnamā ‘l-maulā sharīkuka fī ‘l-‘udmi.*

1) See about him: Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba* No. 8777 (he cared for the widows of the Banū ‘Adiyy).

2) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 869a.

3) Idem: *op. cit.*, ms. f. 144a; another version is given in the *Sīra* of Ibn Hisḥām I, 141.

*Nuqāsimukum amwālanā wa-diyāranā
ka-qismati aysāri 'l-jazūri 'alā l-shaṭri*¹⁾

"And we said to the people who immigrated to us: Welcome and secured are you from poverty
We shall share with you our property and abode
like the gamblers of *maysir*, who divide (in shares) the slaughtered camel".

Traditions about Ḥakīm b. Ḥizām record that he used to distribute the profits of his caravans among the poor and needy of his clan²⁾.

The traditions quoted above seem to reflect clearly the tendency of care for poor and needy in the clan. Hāshim, establishing the *ilāf*, could successfully expand the trade; rich and poor participated in the caravan. A caravan became a joint enterprise. Even if a merchant sent on his own risk a caravan—other merchants tried to join him and invest in his caravan³⁾. The following remark of al-Qummī about the social conceptions of the Meccans and their care for the poor is remarkable.

*Wa-kānat Qurayshun yatafaḥḥaṣūna 'an ḥālāti 'l-fuqarā'i wa-yasuddūna kballata 'l-maḥāwīji*⁴⁾.

Hāshim seems to have expanded the tendency of care for the needy into a social principle. Al-Diyārbakrī records a tradition about Hāshim on the authority of Ibn 'Abbās, reporting that the people of Mecca were in a state of neediness till they were rallied by Hāshim for sending of the caravans to Syria and al-Yaman. They used to divide their profits among the rich and poor, so that the poor became like the rich⁵⁾. Ibn Ḥabīb, reporting about the men of the *ilāf* says that through them Allah raised the Quraysh and turned rich their poor". (*Aṣḥābu*

1) Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba*, No. 8747; Ibn 'Abd al-Barr: *al-Istī'āb*, p. 298.

2) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh* I, 367 (No. 644).

3) Idem: *op. cit.*, I, 371 (No. 645, 646).

4) al-Qummī: *Gharā'ib al-Qur'ān* (on margin of Ṭabari's *Tafsīr*, Būlāq 1229 AH) XXX, 169.

5) al-Diyārbakrī: *Ta'rīkh al-Khamīs* I, 156.

*l-īlāfi min Quraysbin 'lladhīna rafa'a 'llāhu bihim Quraysban wa-na'asha fuqarā' abā . .)*¹⁾.

One is inclined to find some resemblance between the "mixing of the poor and the rich" (*mukhālaṭa*) and the *mu'ākhāt*²⁾.

The conclusion of the *īlāf* agreements was accompanied by the improvement of the internal conditions in Mecca and the provision of amenities for the pilgrims. The first houses in Mecca were built by Quṣayy³⁾. It may be assumed that these houses were very modest. The cutting of the trees in Mecca formed a serious problem, because of the sanctity of Mecca. But Quṣayy ordered to cut the trees and to build the houses⁴⁾. The houses seem to have been circular in order to avoid the imitation of the shape of the Ka'ba⁵⁾. Mu'arrij al-Sadūsī reports that Zubayr b. al-Ḥārith b. Asad was the first who covered a house (with a roof). Quraysh demolished the house out of reverence for the Ka'ba⁶⁾. It was Ḥumayd b. Zubayr b. al-Ḥārith b. Asad b. 'Abd al-'Uzzā who built the first square house in Mecca⁷⁾. When he built his house Quraysh feared the punishment (of Allah). The rajaz poets composed verses:

*Al-yauma yubnā li-Ḥumaydin baytuh
Immā ḥayātuh wa-immā mautuh.*

"Today for Ḥumayd his house is built
(This means for him) either his life or his death"⁸⁾.

When he was not afflicted by punishment Quraysh started to build square houses.

1) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 162.

2) Comp. al-Sulamī: *Adāb al-ṣuḥba* p. 50: . . *wa-kāna (al-nabiyyu ṣal'am) yanbasītu fī māli Abī Bakrīn kamā yanbasītu fī mālihi wa-yahkumu fīhi kamā yahkumu fī mālihi*".

3) See Abū 'l-Baqā': *Manāqib*, ms. f. 85a.

4) See Ibn Sa'd: *Ṭabaqāt* I, 71 (ed. Beirut); al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, I, 58; Caetani: *Annali* I, 103 (78); al-Ya'qūbī: *Ta'rikh* I, 197 (ed. Najaf); al-Ḥalabī: *Insān al-'uyūn* I, 14.

5) al-Tha'ālibī: *Thimār al-qulūb*, p. 13.

6) Mu'arrij al-Sadūsī: *al-Ḥadhf min nasab Quraysb*, p. 54.

7) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysb* I, 443.

8) These verses are attributed to Duwayd: see al-Zubayr b. Bakkār, *op. cit.*, ib.

If this tradition be true—the time of the changes in building of houses was the second half of the 6th century. The sister of this Ḥumayd was the mother of Ḥakīm b. Ḥizām. The son of Ḥumayd, ‘Abdallah b. Ḥumayd fought at Uḥud¹). The time of the significant changes in the building of houses may thus be fixed in the last decades of the 6th century.

The nobles of Mecca vied in providing amenities for the pilgrims. Hāshim is said to have taken care to supply the pilgrims with food²), ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib to have been the first who provided them with sweet water³). He dug the well of Zamzam in the times of Kisrā b. Qubādh⁴). The water of Zamzam, although having medicinal qualities⁵) was not palatable and was mixed by ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib with raisins. He also gave the pilgrims milk with honey⁶). ‘Abbās continued the tradition of ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib and supplied drinking water for the pilgrims. The Prophet drank from his *siqāya* and the drinking from the *siqāya* of the family of ‘Abbās is considered as *sunna*⁷). There are traditions about digging of wells and rivalry between nobles of Mecca in providing drinks for pilgrims⁸). Suwayd b. Harmī is said to have been the first who gave the pilgrims milk (to drink)⁹). Abū Umayya b. al-Mughīra al-Makhzūmī (*Zād al-rakb*) and Abū Wadā‘a al-Sahmī gave the pilgrims honey¹⁰)

The traditions about the *ilāf*, about the improvements in Mecca, about the provisions of food and drinks for the pilgrims—all this points to the efforts to increase the prestige of the city and to secure the

1) See Ibn Hishām: *Sīra* III, 135; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb* I, 319: he made an oath to kill the Prophet at Uḥud.

2) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb* I, 60-61; al-Azraqī: *Akhhār* p. 67 (Wüstenfeld).

3) al-Mas‘ūdī: *Murūj* II, 46;

4) *ib.*

5) Rathjens: *Die Pilgerfahrt*, pp. 42, 45.

6) Al-Azraqī: *Akhhār* p. 70 (ed. Wüstenfeld); comp. Abū Dharr: *Sharḥ*, p. 42 (ed. Brönnle).

7) See al-Suyūṭī: *al-Durr al-manthūr* III, 219.

8) Comp. al-Muṣ‘ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, pp. 32, 197-198.

9) *ib.* p. 342; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 153a.

10) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbār*, p. 177.

pilgrimage and trade. Special arrangements were made for individual merchants proceeding to Mecca for a pilgrimage ¹). Elaborate provisions were made for the caravans for which consent of the tribes was gained.

In this system Tamīm played a considerable role. This can be gauged from some passages of the report about the markets of the Jahīliyya, recorded by Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb ²).

Reporting about the market of Dūmat al-Jandal Ibn Ḥabīb states that "every merchant who set out from al-Yaman and the Ḥijāz asked for the escort of Quraysh as long as he travelled in the abode of Muḍar; for the Muḍar did not harass Muḍarī merchants, nor were they (i.e. the merchants) troubled by an ally of Muḍar. That was the accepted custom between them. So did Kalb not trouble them, because of their alliance with Tamīm ³). The Ṭayy also did not harass them because of their alliance with the Asad. Muḍar used to say: "Quraysh carried out for us the obligation of religious duties inherited to us by Ismā'il" ⁴) (i.e. bequeathed to us).

This report is recorded in al-Marzūqī's *Amkina* with important

1) al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina* II, 166; see the translation in Muh. Hamidullah: *Le prophète de l'Islam* II, 606.

2) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, pp. 264-265.

3) Hamidullah in *Muslim conduct of state* p. 54 (101); "as they were allied (i.e. the Kalb) to the Banū Jusham" (evidently a misprint).

4) Hamidullah translates: Les Mudarites avaient l'habitude de dire (avec fierté) "Les Quraichites ont payé la dette de honte que nous avions contractée au nom d'Ismaël (par les guerres fratricides et par le bellum omnium contra omnes)" — *Le Prophète de l'Islam*, II, 600 — This translation seems however to be inaccurate. In order to translate "que nous avons contractée au nom d'Ismaël" — Hamidullah must have read *mā aurathnā Ismā'ila* which is an error. The phrase has to be read: *mā aurathanā Ismā'ilu*. The sentence is of the greatest importance for the understanding of the attitude of the tribes towards Quraysh. For the correct interpretation of the sentence a passage from al-Kalā'ī's *al-Iktifā'* (I, 150) may be quoted. Al-Kalā'ī, discussing the qualities of Quraysh, records the following passage: *..wa-kānū 'alā irthin min dīni Ibrāhīma wa-Ismā'ila min qirā l-ḍayfi wa-rifdi 'l-ḥajji wa-ta'ẓīmi 'l-ḥarami wa-man'ihī min al-baghyi fīhi wa-l-ilḥādī wa-qam'i 'l-ḡālīmī wa-man'i 'l-maḡlūmī*. The passage commencing with *min qirā* is an explanation of *irthin min dīn Ibrāhīm wa-Ismā'il*. — The passage in Marzūqī's *Amkina* II, 162 does not leave any doubt about the meaning of the sentence: *mā aurathanā abūnā Ismā'ilu*, "what our father (ancestor) Ismā'il inherited us" (bequeathed to us). And comp. al-Majlisī: *Bīḥār al-anwār* VI, 42.

variants ¹⁾. Quraysh used to set out (to Dūmat al-Jandal) from Mecca. If they took the way of al-Ḥazn ²⁾ they did not require the protection of any of the tribes till they came back, and that was because Muḍar . . . etc. ³⁾. And when they departed from al-Ḥazn or went to al-Ḥazn they reached the waters (i.e. the abode, the pasturing places) of Kalb. Kalb were allies of Tamīm and therefore they did not harass them. When they went on to the lowland they passed the Asad and arrived at the Ṭayy . . .”

The account of Marzūqī supplements the report of Ibn Ḥabīb. The vague expression of Ibn Ḥabīb *fī bilād Muḍar* is here more precise. The road leading from Mecca to al-Ḥazn ⁴⁾, which was under the control of the tribes of Muḍar. The Ḥazn itself was the territory of Tamīm ⁵⁾.

The two significant accounts, of Ibn Ḥabīb and al-Marzūqī give some idea how the system set up by Mecca worked in the area of Mecca-al-Ḥazn and its extension. Two tribal units of Muḍar, closely linked with Mecca by the Muḍar alliance, Tamīm and Asad—made it possible, due to the alliance of Tamīm with Kalb (Quḍā'a) and the alliance of Asad with Ṭayy (Qaḥṭānī), to Quraysh to send in full security their caravans and to control the trade on these routes. It is these two tribes—Ṭayy and Kalb—who were especially dangerous for Mecca, as the majority of these two tribes did not respect the sanctity of Mecca and of the sacred months. It is significant that al-Marzūqī records about the Ṭayy: “. . .and (arriving in the territory of Ṭayy) they (i.e. the merchants) gave them some pay and they (i.e. Ṭayy) guided them (in the direction) wherever they wanted” ⁶⁾.

1) al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina*, II, 162.

2) Hamidullah translates *fa-in akbadhat 'alā l-ḥazni* “et s'ils prenaient le chemin montagneux” (*Le Prophète*, II, 604). That seems, however, not to be accurate.

3) There is perhaps some misprint or error; perhaps one has to read “au 'alau 'l-Ḥazn”.

4) See Thilo: *Die Ortsnamen* p. 56; and see Yāqūt: *Buldān* and al-Bakrī — *Mu'jam ma'sta'jam*, s.v. “Ḥazn”.

5) See von Oppenheim-Caskel: *Die Beduinen* III, 164.

6) al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina* II, 162.

The attitude of the Ṭayy and Kalb towards Mecca will be touched upon later.

Merchants proceeding to the important trade-centre of al-Mushaqqar had also to require the escort of Quraysh, because the road led through the territory of Muḍar. This harbour-city frequented by merchants from Persia, an important base of Persian rule—had a market governed by men from Tamīm¹⁾.

In examination of the accounts about Dūmat al-Jandal²⁾ one may assume that the Tamīm played a most important role in the control of the roads to these two markets and in securing of the caravans of Mecca.

Some Tamīmīs frequented Mecca for trade. An iniquity committed to a Tamīmī visiting Mecca caused a conflict between the leaders of Quraysh. The story is recorded by Ibn Abī l-Ḥadīd on the authority of al-Wāqīdī³⁾. Abdallah b. Jaʿfar contested in glory Yazīd b. Muʿāwiya in the presence of Muʿāwiya⁴⁾. He asked him: “By which of your ancestors do you rival in pride? By Ḥarb, whom we sheltered or by Umayya . . .?” We are here concerned with the story of Ḥarb sheltered by ʿAbd al-Muṭṭalib, which is given as follows:

Quraysh had the privilege of priority in passing the ʿAqaba, when travelling. Anybody had to wait till they passed. Ḥarb went out one night and when passing the ʿAqaba he met a man from the family of Ḥājjib b. Zurāra, proceeding to Mecca for business. Ḥarb leaned forward and announced his name and so did the Tamīmī. He stated to be the “son” of Ḥājjib b. Zurāra. The Tamīmī passed the ʿAqaba together with Ḥarb. Ḥarb was enraged and swore that he would never allow him to stay in Mecca as long as he lived. The Tamīmī spent some time outside Mecca. But—as his business was in Mecca (*wa-kāna matjaruhu bi-Makkata*)—he decided to enter and enquired

1) Ibn Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 265.

2) See the article *Dūmat al-Jandal* of L. Veccia Vaglieri in EI².

3) Ibn Abī l-Ḥadīd: *Sharḥ nahj al-balāgha* III, 465; Ibn ʿAsākir: *Taʾrīkh* VII, 329.

4) See the account of this event in Daḥlān's *Sīra* I, 22 (on the margin of “*Insān al-ʿuyūn*”): the talk was between Ibn ʿAbbās and Muʿāwiya; and see Ibn al-ʿArabī: *Muḥādarat al-abrār* I, 179.

about the man, who could give him protection against Ḥarb. The Tamīmī (the "son" of Zurārā) entered Mecca at night and went to the house of 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib. He recited a poem in which the event was recorded and the protection of al-Zubayr b. 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib¹⁾ was requested. He was granted the requested protection. In the morning al-Zubayr b. 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib summoned his brother, al-Ghaydāq, and they went out girded with swords, escorting the Tamīmī. Ḥarb met them, assaulted the Tamīmī and slapped him on his face. A quarrel ensued between the sons of 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib and Ḥarb. Ḥarb managed to escape and sought refuge in the house of 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib who granted him protection.

This narrative probably points to relations between the Banū Hāshim and the Dārim. Tradition mentions the names of some people of Dārim, who were in touch with the Banū Hāshim. One of them was the *ḥirmiyy* of the Prophet.

The prestige enjoyed by the Tamīm in Mecca was based mainly on their strength and their services for the external trade of Mecca. The Tamīm were strong and their leaders were highly respected. The prestige of the leaders of Tamīm (of the branch of the Dārim) is reflected in a remarkable anecdote attributed to the Prophet: A man (a Muslim) married a woman from a lower social class and was reproached by his brother. The Prophet was told about it, he was told as well about the virtues of the woman whom he married. He said in a talk with the husband: "You are not to be blamed for not marrying a woman (so aristocratic) as the daughter of Ḥājib b. Zurāra. Allah brought Islam and made all men equal. A Muslim is not to be rebuked" (for such a marriage)²⁾.

Some groups of Tamīm were even included in the body politic of Mecca. They were given a share in the Meccan dominance and contributed to increase the influence of Mecca in the tribal society

1) Al-Zubayr b. 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib was the leader of the Banū Hāshim at the "Day of al-Fijār"; see Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 169; Ibn Durayd: *al-Ishtiqāq*, p. 47; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb* I, 102.

2) Al-Fāsi: *Shifā al-gharām* (Wüstenfeld, II, 141).

and its prestige. The organization we refer to is the organization of the Ḥums.

Ibn Sa'd counts as Ḥums: Quraysh, Khuzā'a and people of the Arabs "born by Quraysh". (According to another version of Ibn Sa'd: "and the allies of Quraysh")¹).

Ibn Ishāq records as Ḥums: Quraysh, Khuzā'a and Kināna; Ibn Hishām adds (on the authority of Abū 'Ubayda al-Naḥwī) the 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a²).

Ibn Qutayba mentions in his *Ma'ārif* as Ḥums Quraysh and people from Kināna³). But in his *al-Ma'ānī al-Kabīr* he counts as Ḥums: Quraysh their descendants and their allies⁴).

Al-Jāhīz counts as Ḥums: Quraysh, 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a and al-Ḥārith b. Ka'b⁵).

Al-Anbārī⁶) and al-Marzūqī⁷) count: Quraysh, Kināna, Khuzā'a and 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a.

Abū Ḥayyān in his commentary of the Qur'ān has the following list: Quraysh, Kināna, Khuzā'a, Thaqif, Khath'am, Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a and Naṣr b. Mu'āwiya⁸). An almost identical list is given by al-Qurṭubī; instead of Khath'am—he has Jusham⁹).

The L. 'A. records as Ḥums: Quraysh and "whom Quraysh had born" (i.e. descendants of men or women from Quraysh), Kināna, Fahm, 'Adwān, 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a and Khuzā'a¹⁰).

The lists of the Ḥums quoted above are contradictory. The examination of these lists shows doubtless that Ḥums included the Quraysh, the inhabitants of Mecca, and people outside Mecca. According to

1) Ibn Sa'd: *Ṭabaqāt*, I, 72.

2) Ibn Hishām: *Sīra* I, 212; al-Kalā'i: *al-Iktifā'* I, 272.

3) Ibn Qutayba: *al-Ma'ārif*, p. 269.

4) Ibn Qutayba: *al-Ma'ānī 'l-Kabīr*, p. 989.

5) al-Jāhīz: *Mukhtārāt fuṣūl*, ms. f. 208 b.

6) *al-Mufaḍḍaliyyāt* XXXIV, 14 (Lyll).

7) al-Marzūqī: *Sharḥ al-Ḥamāsa*, p. 31.

8) Abū Ḥayyān: *al-Baḥr al-muḥīṭ* II, 63.

9) al-Qurṭubī: *al-Jāmi' li-ahkām al-Qur'ān* II, 345 (*Sura* II, 189); and see Blachère: *Coran* II, 782, n. 185.

10) L. 'A., s.v. "Hms".

Arendonk: "The Ḥums is the name traditionally given to the inhabitants of Mecca at Muḥamad's appearance in so far as they were distinguished by special customs during the Iḥrām from the other tribes, who were together known as al-Ḥilla".¹⁾—This definition has to be altered.

A detailed list of the tribes of the Ḥums is given by Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb. "Ḥums were—reports Ibn Ḥabīb—all Quraysh, Khuzā'a (because they had dwelled in Mecca and were neighbours of Quraysh), people being descendents of Quraysh ("born by Quraysh"), clans dwelling in Mecca.

Descendants of Quraysh ("born by Quraysh") were: Kilāb, Ka'b, 'Āmir and Kalb i.e. the Banū Rabī'a b. 'Āmir b. Ṣa'ṣa'a. Their mother was Majd bint Taym b. Ghālib b. Fihir. To her referred Labīd saying:

*Saqā qaumī banī Majdīn wa-asqā
Numayran wa-l-qabā'ila min Hilālī*²⁾.

and al-Ḥārith b. 'Abd Manāt b. Kināna and Mudlij b. Murra b. 'Abd Manāt b. Kināna due to their dwelling near Mecca. And 'Āmir b. 'Abd Manāt b. Kināna and Mālik and Milkān b. Kināna and Thaqīf and 'Adwān. And Yarbū' b. Ḥanzala and Māzin b. Mālik b. 'Amr b. Tamīm, whose mother (of both of them) was Jandala bint Fihir b. Mālik b. al-Naḍr³⁾. Some maintain that all the 'Āmir (i.e. 'Āmir b. Ṣa'ṣa'a) are Ḥums, because their brethren, the Rabī'a b. 'Āmir became Ḥums. And 'Ilāf i.e. Rabbān b. Ḥulwān b. 'Imrān b. al-Ḥāf b. Quḍā'a. And Janāb b. Hubal b. Abdallah⁴⁾, from Kalb. His mother was Āmina

1) EI, s.v. "Hums".

2) See Ibn 'Abd al-Barr: *al-Inbāḥ*, p. 87; Labīd: *Diwān*, p. 93 (ed. I. 'Abbās); Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 120 b. (In *Jamhara*: Majd bint Taym b. Murra b. Ghālib b. Fihir. The term used in *Jamhara* is of interest: *wa-hiya'llatī ḥammasat Banī 'Āmirin, ja'alathum Ḥumsan*).

3) Jandala bint Fihir b. Mālik b. al-Naḍr b. Kināna was the wife of Ḥanzala b. Mālik b. Zayd Manāt b. Tamīm. She gave birth to Qays, Yarbū', Rabī'a and 'Amr—the sons of Ḥanzala b. Mālik b. Zayd Manāt. After the death of Ḥanzala b. Mālik she married Mālik b. 'Amr b. Tamīm and gave birth to Māzin, Ghaylān, Aslam and Ghassān—the sons of Mālik b. 'Amr. See: Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. ff. 62a, 90a; al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 958b.

4) See Ibn Durayd: *al-Ishtiqāq*, p. 540.

bint Rabī'a b. 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a; her mother was Majd bint Taym al-Adram b. Ghālib b. Fihir" ¹).

The list of Ibn Ḥabīb shows a peculiar fact: the tribes allied in the organization of the Ḥums are of different origin and belong to various tribal divisions. The 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a are Muḍarites. Kalb belonged to Quḍā'a. The origin of Thaḳīf is disputed. (According to some traditions they are considered as descendants of Qays 'Aylān). 'Adwān belonged to Qays 'Aylān, Khuzā'a were of South-Arabian origin ²). The more important is the fact, that these tribes lived in different areas of the peninsula. The Thaḳīf dwelt to the South-East of Mecca, the Kināna to the South, controlling the route Mecca-al-Yaman, the 'Āmir b. Ṣa'sa'a to the North East of Mecca, the Quḍā'a (Kalb) in the North, controlling the trade-route to Syria; Yarbū' and Māzin controlled the route to al-Ḥira and Persia.

Of special interest is the case of Zuhayr b. Janāb al-Kalbī. The Ghatafān decided—according to tradition—to establish a *ḥaram* like that of Mecca. Zuhayr b. Janāb raided them and destroyed their *ḥaram* ³). This tradition explains why the group of Janāb of Kalb were included in the organization of the Ḥums

One may find some connection between the *ilāf* discussed above and the Ḥums. The expression of al-Tha'ālībī that Hāshim "took the *ilāf* from the enemies" ⁴) means in fact, that the *ilāf* were a complementary system for the Ḥums. The *ilāf* were intended for tribes who did not respect the sacred months, or—although performing the pilgrimage—were in the sphere of influence of the client kingdoms. These clans and tribes—like Ṭayy, Khath'am, clans of Quḍā'a ⁵), Ghifār from the Kināna ⁶) were given some shares of profit and gave

1) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 178-179.

2) See Ibn Durayd: *al-Ishtiqāq*, p. 468 seq.

3) *Aghānī* XII, 121; XXI, 63. 4) *Thimār al-Qulūb*, p. 89.

5) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 900b; al-Jāḥiẓ: *al-Ḥayawān* VII, 216; see al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. 366a: the talk between Mu'āwiya and 'Adiyy b. Ḥātim in which Mu'āwiya accused Ṭayy of not respecting the sanctity of Mecca. Ṭayy and Khath'am did not perform the pilgrimage to Mecca and were called *al-Affārānī*.

6) See al-Dhahabī: *Siyar a'lām al-nubalā* 'II, 34 (*wa-kānū yuḥillūna al-shabra l-ḥarāma*); and see *Uṣd al-ghāba* I, 160.

security to the caravans. How much Mecca was dependent on these tribes and eager to carry out the terms of the *ilāf* can be gauged from some records preserved. Al-‘Abbās was present when Abū Dharr was beaten violently in Mecca after he had embraced Islam. He reproached his people saying: “Woe to you, you are about to kill a man from Ghifār whilst your business and your passing by is through the territory of Ghifār”. They let him go¹). Thumāma b. Uthāl of the Ḥanīfa could threaten Quraysh with cutting of supplies from the Yamāma and even realized his threat²). Sa’d b. Mu‘ādh could threaten Abū Jahl, that if he prevents him to circumambulate the Ka‘ba—he would cut his trade with Syria³). One is even tempted to think that there is some connection between the term *allafabum* “he concluded pacts of *ilāf* with them”, and the term *al-mu‘allafa qulūbuhum* “people whose hearts were gained (for Islam) by some gifts”. But Ḥums denotes people strong in their conviction of the sanctity of Mecca, admitting the distinguished position of Quraysh, enjoying a special status in the rites of the *ḥajj* and ready to struggle for their ideas.

Some features of the Ḥums can be gauged from the chapters of al-Jāḥiẓ dealing with the virtues of Quraysh. Al-Jāḥiẓ records that never did a Qurashī allege his origin to another tribe, whilst till today “noble Arabs—like Banū Murra b. ‘Auf, some of the Banū Sulaym, Khuzā‘a and others—allege being of Qurashī origin. Quraysh did never bury their (female) babies alive. That was followed by the inhabitants of al-Ṭā‘if, because they were neighbours and related with them by marriage and because they were Ḥums, and it was Quraysh who made them Ḥums . . .”⁴).

When Islam appeared—continues al-Jāḥiẓ—there was no Qurashī woman who had been taken captive by the Arab tribes, nor was there

1) al-Dhahabī: *Siyar a‘lām al-nubalā’* II, 37 (*taqtulūna rajulan min Ghifārīn wa-matjarukum wa-mamarrukum ‘alā Ghifār?*).

2) Ibn ‘Abd al-Barr: *al-Istī‘āb*, p. 79; al-Qaṣṣallānī: *Irshād* VI, 433; al-Qurṭubī: *al-Jāmi‘ li-ahkām al-Qur‘ān*, XII, 143; al-Ḥalabī: *Insān al-‘uyūn* III, 198.

3) Ibn al-‘Arabī: *Muḥāḍarat al-abrār* II, 266; *Ṣifāt al-safwa* I, 37 (*la-aqṭa‘anna matjaraka ilā ‘l-Shāmi*).

4) al-Jāḥiẓ: *Mukhtārāt fuṣūl*, ms. f. 202 seq.

any captive among them whose mother was a Qurashī woman. The Quraysh distinguished themselves from other tribes, that they did not give their daughters in marriage to the nobles of other tribes, unless they had got an assurance, that they would embrace the idea of the Ḥums. (They themselves—stresses al-Jāhiz—married the daughters of other tribes without conditions to be imposed on them.) These tribes were: ‘Āmir b. Ṣaṣa’a, Thaqīf, Khuzā’a and al-Ḥārith b. Ka’b. They were people of devotion (*wakānū dayyānīna*) and therefore they renounced raiding. That was in order to avoid pillage, injustice, robbery and rape”.

In another passage al-Jāhiz, discussing the qualities of Quraysh, remarks that Quraysh remained generous although their profits were not big since they refrained from raiding. Al-Jāhiz emphasizes the hospitality of Quraysh, their care for the pilgrims and their care for kinsfolk. They allotted the men of the tribes to the different clans of Mecca—says al-Jāhiz. Ghatafān were assigned to (the care of) al-Mughīra (i.e. al-Makhzūmī), Banū ‘Āmir went to someone else, the Tamīm to somebody else. They (i.e. the Quraysh) compelled them to perform the rites and cared for all their needs¹). Al-Jāhiz stresses that Quraysh

¹ al-Jāhiz: *Mukhtārāt fuṣūl*, ms. f. 204a (. . . *fa-yaqtasimūnabum, fa-takūnu Ghatafān li-l-Mughīrati wa-Banū ‘Āmirin li-kadhā, wa-Tamīmun li-kadhā* . . .). In al-Zubayr b. Bakkār’s *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 128 b. an interesting report is given about the allotment of the clans of Quraysh. They (i.e. the Quraysh) used to give them clothes in which they used to circumambulate the Ka’ba; they (i.e. the Bedouins) used to throw away the clothes which they wore when they came to Mecca. The host (i.e. the clan who lodged the Bedouins frequenting Mecca) used to get (scil. a share of) the meat of the slaughtered camels. The Banū Fazāra alighted in the house of al-Mughīra b. ‘Abdallāh b. ‘Amr b. Makhzūm. The first who prevented him (i.e. al-Mughīra) to get (his share of) the slaughtered camel was Khushayn b. La’y al-Fazārī al-Shamkhī. . . ; comp. Ibn Abī ‘l-Ḥadīd: *Sharḥ nahj al-balāgha* IV, 296; and see Ibn Durayd: *al-Ishtiḳāq* p. 282 (*Zuwaylim*). The word *ḥarīm* not recorded in the vocabularies as “payment for Quraysh from the alighting Bedouins” is recorded in the story of Zuwaylim reported by al-Balādhurī in his *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1101a. The quoted verse is of interest:

*Wa-nahnu mana’nā min Qurayshin ḥarīmabā
bi-Makkata, ayyāma ‘l-tahāluqi wa-l-nahri*

Al-Balādhurī records also the story of ‘Amr b. Jābir b. Khushayn who used to get from every captive of the Ghatafān 2 camels. That was stopped by Zuwaylim b. ‘Arin (comp. the version of Ibn Durayd, *ib.*).

remained *Laqāb*, independent. They did not pay any tax and to them were entrusted the functions of *rifāda*, *siqāya*, etc.

In a third passage al-Jāḥiẓ repeats once more that all Quraysh were Ḥums, devoted to their *dīn*, a fact which prevented them from raiding, capture, intercourse with captive women and from burying alive their female babies. Once more al-Jāḥiẓ emphasizes that the Quraysh gave not their daughters in marriage unless on the condition that the children would become Ḥums. They were compelled—dwelling in a barren valley—to find means of livelihood and they got the *ilāf* and made journeys to kings . . .”¹).

In a fourth passage of al-Jāḥiẓ the report about the Ḥums is repeated. But there are some details which deserve attention. Mentioning the caravans—al-Jāḥiẓ reports that the merchants went to (the land of) Qayṣar in Byzantium, to al-Najāshī in Abyssinia, and to al-Muqauqis in Egypt. It is the only case in which Egypt is mentioned as destination of the merchants of Mecca. Al-Jāḥiẓ draws in this passage a line between the Ḥums of Quraysh and the converted Ḥums of the ‘Āmir b. Ṣa‘ṣa‘a and al-Ḥārith b. Ka‘b. The Quraysh, being Ḥums, refrained from raiding, whereas the tribes who accepted the ideas of the Ḥums continued to raid, to have intercourse with captured women and to take spoils. But Quraysh remained courageous²).

Ibn al-Faḳīh’s account records that Khuzā‘a, ‘Āmir b. Ṣa‘ṣa‘a, Thaḳīf and “men of tribes” embraced the creed of the Ḥums. He records the tradition about the condition imposed on the nobles of the tribes marrying the daughters of Quraysh and gives details about the restrictions imposed on the pilgrims, not belonging to the Ḥums. They had to leave their travelling provision when entering Mecca, to take off their clothes which they wore outside the area of Mecca and to wear clothes of the Ḥaram (buying the clothes or borrowing them or as gifts). If they did not find clothes of the Ḥaram they per-

1) al-Jāḥiẓ: *Mukhtarāt fuṣūl*, ms. f. 16b. seq.

2) al-Jāḥiẓ: *Mukhtarāt fuṣūl*, ms. f. 208b. seq.; comp. al-Tha‘ālibī: *Thimār al-qulūb*, p. 8 seq. (*Aḥlu ’llāb*); (significant is the expression *wa-ṣārū bi-ajma‘ihim tujjāran khulafā’a*).

formed the circumambulation naked. They obliged the pilgrims to start the *ifāda* from al-Muzdalifa. They were *laqāb*, they did not pay any tax, nor did any king rule over them¹⁾.

Yāqūt mentions the Ḥums. According to him Quraysh gained for the idea of the Ḥums: Kināna, Jadilat Qays, Fahm and 'Adwān, Thaḳīf and 'Āmir b. Ṣa'ṣa'a. He records the hardship which they imposed on themselves, the restrictions imposed on the pilgrims, and emphasizes that the people of Mecca were *laqāb*. Kings of Ḥimyar, Kinda, Ghassān and Lakhm used to perform the pilgrimage to Mecca and obeyed the Ḥums of Quraysh, considering as obliging to respect them . . .²⁾.

Mecca is mentioned as *Dār al-Ḥums* in the verses attributed to a Kāhin of the Liḥb³⁾ in the record of al-Ḥalabī. Al-Ḥalabī mentions the conditions of marriage of the Quraysh and their renouncing of raiding, which is connected with pillaging and rape⁴⁾.

Sources give details about the rites of the Ḥums and of the imposed hardships⁵⁾. They performed the *wuqūf* at al-Muzdalifa instead of at 'Arafāt⁶⁾. They confined themselves during the *ḥajj* to the boundaries of the Ḥaram. During the *ḥajj* they did not eat meat, nor did they prepare curd, they did not stay in the shade of a house, they did not enter their houses through their doors⁷⁾, etc. It is evident that by the hardship imposed on themselves they wanted to express their veneration for the Ka'ba and the Ḥaram. Al-Zamakhsharī connects the root *ḥms* with the root *ḥrm*. They acquired their distinct position

1) Ibn al-Faḳīh: *Kitāb al-buldān*, p. 18.

2) Yāqūt: *Mu'jam al-buldān*, s.v. Makka.

3) The Liḥb were known as men of special knowledge in augury (from the flight of birds) see: Wellhausen: *Reste*, p. 134; Ibn Durayd: *al-Isbtiqāq*, p. 491; al-Suhayli: *al-Rawḍ al-unuf* I, 118.

4) al-Ḥalabī: *Insān al-'uyūn* I, 242.

5) See Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 180; Yāqūt: *Mu'jam al-buldān*, s.v. "Makka"; Ibn al-'Arabi: *Muḥādarat al-abrār* I, 162, 150.

6) See Wellhausen: *Reste*, p. 77; Rathjens: *Die Pilgerfahrt*, pp. 72-73; but the Prophet did not follow the Ḥums in their *wuqūf*—see: al-Dhahabī: *Ta'rīkh al-Islām* I, 49.

7) But see the contradictory traditions in al-Ṭabarī's *Tafsīr* (*Sūra* II, 189) and al-Suyūṭī: *al-Durr al-manthūr* I, 204 seq.

of sanctity because they dwelt in the Ḥaram. They called themselves *Ahlu 'llāh* ¹⁾). That the idea of Ḥums was in fact connected with the cult of the Ka'ba is plainly attested by the fact, that the Ka'ba was called al-Ḥamsā' ²⁾).

It is evident that this link between Quraysh and the tribes attached to the Ḥums influenced their relations. Caskel remarks that the 'Āmir b. Ṣa'ṣa'a, being Ḥums, were on good terms with the inhabitants of Mecca ³⁾. An 'Āmirī poet and chief, 'Auf b. al-Aḥwaṣ b. Ja'far b. Kilāb, swears on the sacred month ⁴⁾ of the Banū Umayya, the sacred places of Quraysh, the sacrificed victims ⁵⁾. Khālīd b. Ja'far, the uncle of 'Auf, is said to have been the first who covered the Ka'ba with brocade (dībāj) which he got from a caravan looted by him ⁶⁾. The Ka'b and Kilāb of the 'Āmir were called *Ka'b Quraysh* and *Kilāb Quraysh* ⁷⁾. Mālik b. Nuwayra of the Yarbū' (of Tamīm), who belonged to the Ḥums, mentions a group of horsemen who informed Quraysh (as 'Ummār) about some battle ⁸⁾.

The Prophet himself belonged to the Ḥums ⁹⁾. He was the *ḥirmī* of 'Iyād b. Ḥimār al-Mujāshi'ī 'l-Tamīmī. The Prophet lent him his clothes and 'Iyād used to perform the circumambulation of the Ka'ba in the clothes of the Prophet ¹⁰⁾.

1) al-Zamakhsharī: *al-Fā'iḳ*, s.v. *ḥums*.

2) al-Fayrūzābādī: *al-Qāmūs*, s.v. *ḥms*. A curious explanation is given for the Ḥums in al-Maghribī's *Īnās*, ms. f. 26b: "They were called Ḥums, because they refrained from the service of labour. ."

3) EI², s.v. 'Āmir b. Ṣa'ṣa'a.

4) i.e. Dhū 'l-hijja.

5) al-Ḍabbī: *al-Mufaḍḍaliyyāt* XXXV, 4-5 (ed. Lyall):

wa-innī wa-'lladhī hajjat Qurayshun
maḥārimahū wa-mā jama'at Ḥirā'u
Wa-shabhi Banī Umayyata wa-l-badāyā
idhā ḥubisat mudarrijahā 'l-dimā'u

6) al-Suhaylī: *al-Rawḍ al-unuṣ* I, 77; al-Alūsī: *Bulūḡ al-arab* I, 234.

7) al-Ḍabbī: *al-Mufaḍḍaliyyāt*, p. 259 (ed. Lyall).

8) *al-Aṣma'iyyāt* XXVI, 3 (ed. Ahlwardt); Ibn Abī 'l-Ḥadīd: *Sharḥ nahj al-Balāgha* IV, 292.

9) See al-Azraqī: *Akhhār* (Wüstenfeld) I, 124; al-Suyūṭī: *al-Durr al-manthūr* I, 204 seq.

10) See: Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 181; Ibn Qutayba: *al-Ma'ārif*, p. 147;

From the traditions quoted above one can gain a rough idea about the Ḥums. The fundamental principles of the Ḥums were the inviolability of the area of the Ḥaram, the independence¹⁾ and neutrality of Mecca.

The feeling of security in Mecca is described by one of the nobles of Mecca in the following verses:

Fakbarnā wa-l-umūru lahā qarārun
bi-Makkatinā wa-bi-l-baladi 'l-ḥarāmi.
Wa-annā lā yurāmu lanā ḥarīmun
wa-annā lā nurawwa'u fī 'l-manāmi.
Wa-annā lā tusāqu lanā ki'ābun
khlāla 'l-naq'i bādīyatu l-khidāmi.
Ma'ādha 'llāhi min hādha wa-hādha
fa-inna 'llāha laysa lahū musāmī²⁾.

A Bedouin could not accustom himself to the quiet life of Mecca; Qays b. Zuhayr al-ʿAbsī said:

Tufākhirunī ma'āshiru min Qurayshin
bi-Ka'batihim wa-bi-l-bayti 'l-ḥarāmi
Fa-akrim bi-'lladhī fākharū wa-lākin
maghāzī 'l-khayli dāmiyatu 'l-kilāmi.
Wa-ṭa'nun fī 'l-ʿajājati kulla yaumin
nuḥūra 'l-khayli bi 'l-asali l-dawāmī.
Aḥabbu ilayya min ʿayshin rakbiyyin

Abū ʿUbayd: *Kit. al-amwāl*, p. 256; Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jambara*, ms. f. 66a; al-Ṭabarānī: *al-Muʿjam al-ṣaghir*, p. 3; Ibn al-Jārūd: *al-Muntaqā*, p. 500; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 981a; Ibn Ḥazm: *Jawāmiʿ al-sīra*, p. 25 (reporting that he was a cousin of al-Aqrāʿ b. Ḥābis); Ibn Ḥazm: *Jamharat ansāb al-ʿArab*, p. 219; Yāqūt: *Muʿjam al-buldān*, s.v. *ḥaram*; Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba*, N. 6123; Abū Nuʿaym: *Ḥilya* II, 16 (mentioned as one of the *Ahl al-Ṣuffa*).

1) The fierce reaction of the Meccans when their independence was threatened can be gauged from the story of ʿUthmān b. Ḥuwayrith. See al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 76b; al-Muṣʿab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, p. 210; L.ʿA., s.v. *lqḥ*; Abū ʿl-Baqāʾ: *Manāqib*, ms. f. 10 b; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb* IV B, 126 (and see "Annotations").

2) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1094a.

ma'a 'l-Qurashiyyi Harbin au Hishāmi.
Wa-mā 'ayshu 'bni Jud'ānin bi-'ayshin
*yajurru 'l-kbazzā fi 'l-baladi 'l-tihāmī*¹⁾

The observation of some rites and customs was in fact an expression of their veneration of the sanctuary of Mecca. This organization, including different tribal units—among them units of Tamīm, who dwelled in different areas of the peninsula, had a militant character. They were ready to struggle for their ideas of the sanctity of Mecca. The *ilāf* seem to have been built up on the base of Ḥums. The Ḥums were the élite group distinct by their close relations with the Meccans, by their rites and customs. Both the organizations, the Ḥums and *ilāf* had economic significance. The religious “colouring” is not surprising²⁾.

People not belonging to the Ḥums were “Ḥilla”. The Ḥilla included—according to the report of Ibn Ḥabīb—all the Tamīm (except Yarbū‘, Māzin, Ḍabba, Ḥumays, Zā‘ina, al-Ghauth b. Murr), all the Qays ‘Aylān (except Thaqīf, ‘Adwān and ‘Āmir b. Ṣa‘sa‘a), all Rabī‘a b. Nizār, all Quḍā‘a (except ‘Ilāf and Janāb), the Anṣār, Khath‘am, Bajila, Bakr b. ‘Abd Manāt b. Kināna (other divisions of Kināna were Ḥums), Hudhayl, Asad, Ṭayy and Bāriq³⁾. These Ḥilla—when performing the *hajj*—were quite different in their rites during the *iḥrām* and during the *ṭawāf*. A third group mentioned by Ibn Ḥabīb were the *Ṭuls*, including tribes from al-Yaman and Ḥaḍramaut, ‘Akk, Ujayb and Iyād⁴⁾.

The division into the three groups—Ḥums, Ḥilla, *Ṭuls*—is confronted

1) *Ib.*

2) Comp. Rathjens: *Die Pilgerfahrt*, p. 80 (..“Teilweise religiös getarnt..”).

3) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 179.

4) *ib.*; A special group, which deserves to be mentioned, were the *Basl*. The word *basl* denotes ideas similar to the ideas inherent in the word *ḥums*: courage, bravery, intrepid fighting on one hand, and the *ḥaram* the forbidden on the other hand. The *Basl* were the ‘Āmir b. Lu‘ayy (or ‘Aut b. Lu‘ayy, or Murra b. ‘Auf b. Lu‘ayy). They maintained, that the number of the sacred months is 8. The tribes granted them security during these months. See al-Kalā‘ī: *al-Iktifā*, I, 78; Ibn Kathīr: *al-Bidāya* II, 204; L.‘A., s.v. *bsl*; Abū Dharr: *Sharḥ al-sīra* (ed. Brönnle) p. 233 (the *Basl* were Quraysh, because they were the people of Mecca and Mecca is *ḥaram*).

by another division. This scheme divides the tribes according to their recognition of the sanctity of Mecca: (1) the *muḥrimūn* and (2) the *muḥillūn*. The *muḥrimūn* included the Ḥums and these tribes of the Ḥilla who in fact performed the pilgrimage. The *muḥillūn* did not recognize the sanctity of Mecca nor did they respect the sacred months. These *muḥillūn* constituted a real danger for Mecca.

Al-Jāḥiẓ counts as *muḥillūn* all the Ṭayy and Khath'am (*mimman kāna lā yarā li-l-ḥarami wa-lā li-l-shabri 'l-ḥarāmi ḥurmatan*). *Muḥillūn*—says al-Jāḥiẓ—were as well many clans of Quḏā'a, Yashkur, and al-Ḥārith b. Ka'b. They were enemies because of their (different) *dīn* and their (different) pedigree¹).

Against these *muḥillūn* the intercalator uttered his famous declaration, making lawful the shedding of their blood. "I make lawful to shed the blood of the *muḥillūn*, Ṭayy and Khath'am. Kill them, wherever you meet them if they harass you"²).

Al-Ya'qūbī mentions as *muḥillūn*, people who considered as lawful to commit iniquities in these markets. They were groups from Asad, Ṭayy, Bakr b. 'Abd Manāt b. Kināna and of 'Amir b. Ṣaṣa'a³).

It is evident, that it was necessary to take some steps to guard the free markets⁴) of Mecca from hostile tribes and unruly elements like brigands and robbers.

In fact al-Ya'qūbī states: And among the tribes there were people, who condemned this and devoted themselves (*naṣabū anfusahum*) to the help of oppressed and to prevent bloodshed and committing of ini-

1) al-Jāḥiẓ: *al-Ḥayawān* VII, 216 seq.; comp. al-Najīramī: *Aymān al-'Arab*, p. 12; Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 319 inf.

2) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 900b (. . . *wa-innī qad aḥlaltu dimā'a 'l-muḥillīna min Ṭayyīn wa-Khath'am fa-'qtulūhum ḥaythu wajadtumūhum idhā 'araḏū lakum*); of interest is the following verse of al-Ḥuṭay'a.

*Alam akun muḥriman fa-yakūna baynī
wa-baynakumu 'l-mawaddatu wa-l-ikhā'u*

(*Dīwān* (ed. Ṭāhā) 40, 1.7.). The commentary says:

al-muḥrimu al-musālimu 'lladhī yaḥramu damuḥu 'alayka wa-damuka 'alayhi.

3) al-Ya'qūbī: *Ta'rikh* I, 221 (ed. Najaf).

4) Comp. Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar* p. 267 (*wa-lam takun fīhi* (i.e. 'Ukāẓ) 'ushūrun wa-lā kbūfāratun).

quities. They were called *al-Dhāda al-Muḥrimūna* (The *Muḥrimūn*, "the Defenders"). They were from the 'Amr b. Tamīm, the Banū Ḥanzala b. Zayd Manāt (b. Tamīm), Hudhayl, Shaybān and Kalb b. Wabara. They used to carry weapons (in the sacred months). The tribes were divided into people who took off their weapons during the sacred months and (lacuna; apparently: people who carried arms during these months—K).

This report of al-Ya'qūbī is of importance; it sheds some light on the role of some groups of Tamīm who served in an inter-tribal militia, set up to defend Mecca and the markets of Mecca.

One may recall the remarkable passage of al-Jāhīz quoted above ¹), in which *ilāf* was explained as a tax, imposed on the tribes in order to defend Mecca from the "wolves of the tribes", brigands and hostile tribes. It cannot be ruled out that the *ilāf* might have included some point about a pay for the militia to guard the markets and to guard Mecca.

Additional details about this militia are given by al-Marzūqī ²): The tribes (al-'Arab) were divided according to three different conceptions about the sacred months: (1) people who perpetrated unlawful deeds; these are the *muḥillūn*, who do not respect the sanctity of the *ḥaram*, steal in the *ḥaram* and kill. (2) people who refrain from it and respect the sacred months (*yuḥrimūna* 'l-*ashbura* 'l-*ḥuruma*). (3) people sharing the principle set up ³) by Ṣulṣul b. Aus b. Mukhāshin b. Mu'ā-

1) See p. 119 n. 2 above; the passage in al-Jāhīz's *Rasa'il* runs as follows:

Wa-a-qad fassarahu qaumun bi-ghayri dhālika. Qālū: inna Hāshiman ja'ala 'ala ru'ūsī 'l-qabā'ili qarā'iba yu'addūnabā ilayhi li-yahmiya bihā abla Makkata. Fa-inna dbu-bāna l-'Arabi wa-ṣa'ālīka 'l-ahyā'i wa-aṣḥāba 'l-tawā'ili kānū lā yu'manūna 'alā 'l-ḥarami; lā siyyāma wa-nāsun min al-'Arabi kānū lā yarauna li-l-ḥarami ḥurmatan wa-lā li-l-shabiri 'l-ḥarāmi qadran, mithlu Ṭayyin wa-Kath'amin wa-Qudā'ata wa-ba'di Balḥārithi bni Ka'bin".

2) al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina* II, 166.

3) The translation of Hamidullah (*Le Prophète*, p. 605) is not accurate. He renders the text as follows:... mais les gens se partageaient en trois groupes à ce propos: ceux qui pratiquaient l'abomination...ceux qui s'en absteinaient...et enfin les fantaisistes (*ahl al-ahwā'*), partisans du Tamimite..." The text tells about three conceptions according to which people were divided. *Wa-kanāt al-'Arabu fī ashburi*

wiya b. Shurayf of the 'Amr b. Tamīm; it is he who made lawful for them the fight of the *muḥillūn*.

This tradition transmitted by Ibn al-Kalbī (on the authority of his father) is refuted by Ibn al-Kalbī and Abū Khirāsh. They state: "That is the claim of the Banū Tamīm. Certain is in our opinion that it was the Qalammas and his ancestors. And it was he who intercalated the months". The refutation of Ibn al-Kalbī and Abū Khirāsh does not refer to the whole tradition about Ṣulṣul. It refers only to the phrase *fa-innahu aḥalla qitāla 'l-muḥillīn* "and he made lawful to fight the *muḥillīn*." Ibn al-Kalbī seems to refer to the declaration uttered by the intercalator. It was in fact the intercalator who uttered this declaration. But it was the group of Ṣulṣul, the *muḥrimūn—dhāda* who carried out the implication of this declaration.

A peculiar tradition recorded by al-Shahrastānī (*al-Milal*, p. 443—ed. Cureton) claims that the Qalammas (in text *al-Mutalammis*) b. Umayya al-Kinānī was of the *dīn* of Tamīm ('*alā dīni banī Tamīm*).

The tradition about the *muḥrimūn—dhāda* seems to be trustworthy. The Usayyid, the clan of Ṣulṣul, were in close connections with Mecca. Some of the Banū Usayyid came to Mecca, became allies of influential families, gained wealth, married daughters of aristocratic families, and became respected citizens of Mecca. Influential was the Usayyidī family of Nabbāsh. Their houses were in the vicinity of the Ka'ba¹). Al-A'shā b. Zurāra b. al-Nabbāsh mourned Nubayh and Munabbih, the two sons of al-Ḥajjāj b. 'Āmir, killed at Badr²). The mother of Baghīd b. 'Āmir b. Hāshim b. 'Abd Manāf b. 'Abd al-Dār was the daughter of al-

¹ *'l-ḥajjī 'alā ṭhalāṭhati abwā'in: minhum...wa-minhum...wa-minhum aḥlu hawan shara'ahu labum Ṣulṣul...* The group set up by Ṣulṣul were not "fantaisistes". The expression *aḥlu hawan* is not peiorative; it is equal in its denotation to the expression used for the preceding groups.

¹) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 88b; al-Fāsī: *Shifā' al-gharām* (Wüstenfeld, II, 140 seq.).

²) Ibn Hishām: *Sīra* III, 16; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 182 b; Abū 'l-Faraj: *al-Aghānī* XVI, 60.

Nabbāsh b. Zurāra¹). One of the mountains of Mecca belonged to the Banū Nabbāsh²). A spurious tradition—which may, however, contain some grain of truth—claims that Aktham b. Ṣayfī, the famous sage of the Usayyid, acquired his wisdom from Quṣayy, ‘Abd Manāf, Hāshim and Abū Ṭālib³). Another spurious tradition claims that Aktham learned *nasab* from ‘Abd al Muṭṭalib⁴). To the Usayyid belonged as well the first (or second) husband of Khadija, Abū Hāla.

The family of Aus b. Mukhāshin was a noble one. The descendants of Aus b. Mukhāshin were the guardians of the sanctuary of Shums, the idol worshipped by the Ḍabba, Tamīm, ‘Ukl, ‘Adiyy and Thaur⁵). This idol was pulled down by Hind, the son of Khadija and by Ṣafwān b. Usayyid of the Mukhāshin⁶). This Ṣafwān married Durra, the daughter of Abū Lahab, and she gave birth to two of his sons Auf and al-Qa‘qā‘⁷). Mukhāshin b. Mu‘āwiya b. Jurwa b. Usayyid was called *Dhū ‘l-a‘wād*⁸). Ṣayfī b. Riyāḥ b. al-Ḥārith b. Mukhāshin b. Mu‘āwiya b. Jurwa b. Usayyid, the father of Aktham was called *Dhū ‘l-ḥilm* or *Dhū ‘l-aubār* (because of the copious herds he possessed)⁹). Rabī‘a b. Mukhāshin and his father Mukhāshin were respected “judges of the tribes”¹⁰).

Ṣulṣul to whom the setting up of the *muḥrimūn-dhāda* is attributed was in very close relations with Mecca: he was in charge of the *mausim* and a judge at ‘Ukāz¹¹).

1) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār, *op. cit.*, ms. f. 89b; al-Muṣ‘ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh* p. 254; and see the discussion about the writer of the *ṣaḥīfa* in Suhaylī’s *al-Raud al-unuf* I, 232.

2) al-Azraqī: *Akbbār* (Wüstenfeld I, 490); Yāqūt: *Buldān*, s.v. *Shayba*.

3) al-Majlisī: *Biḥār al-anwār* VI, 39. 4) Abu l-Baqā’: *Manāqib*, ms. f. 96a.

5) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 316.

6) *ib.*; and see Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba*, No. 4067, 4071.

7) Ibn Ḥazm: *Jamharat ansāb al-‘Arab*, p. 199, inf.

8) al-Hamdānī: *Iklīl* I/II, ms. f. 178a (Mukhāshin); Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 134 (Rabī‘a b. Mukhāshin). al-Anbārī: *Mufaḍḍaliyyāt* (Lyall) 447 (Rabī‘ā); al-Ya‘qūbī: *Ta‘rīkh* I, 214 (ed. Najaf: Mukhāshin); al-Farazdaq: *Dīwān*, p. 503, n. 2; Ibn Abī ‘l-Ḥadīd: *Sharḥ nahj al-Balāgha* III, 427.

9) al-Hamdānī: *ib.* Ibn al-Athīr; *al-Muraṣṣa‘* (ed. Seybold) p. 82 (also attributed to Aktham).

10) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 134; al-‘Askarī: *Jamharat al-amthāl*, p. 104.

11) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 182.

The duties entrusted to Tamīm in Mecca and in the markets of Mecca are a convincing evidence of the important role played by Tamīm in establishing of the economic power of Mecca. Tamīm were invested with the *ifāḍa* in Mecca itself and with the control of the market of 'Ukāz. 'Ukāz was one of the important markets because here the public opinion of the tribes could express itself in its literary, political and social aspects¹). It was the co-operation with Tamīm in the market of 'Ukāz which helped Quraysh to avoid competition and secured for the Quraysh the influence in these markets²).

The share of Tamīm in the Meccan system is defined by Ibn Ḥabīb as follows: "The leaders (A'imma) of the tribes (after 'Āmir b. al-Zarib) in the mawasim and their judges at 'Ukāz were the Banū Tamīm. The guardians of their *dīn* and the trustees of their *qibla* were the Quraysh. The authoritative interpreters of the *dīn* were the Banū Mālik b. Kināna³)". Ibn Ḥabīb gives a list of chiefs of Tamīm who acted both as leaders of the mawsim and as judges of 'Ukāz. (1) Sa'd b. Zayd Manāt b. Tamīm, (2) Ḥanzala b. Zayd Manāt b. Tamīm, (3) Dhu'ayb b. Ka'b b. 'Amr b. Tamīm, (4) Māzin b. Mālik b. 'Amr b. Tamīm, (5) Tha'laba b. Yarbū' b. Ḥanzala b. Mālik b. Zayd Manāt, (6) Mu'āwiya b. Shurayf b. Jurwa b. Usayyid b. 'Amr b. Tamīm, (7) al-Aḍbaṭ b. Quray' b. 'Auf b. Ka'b b. Sa'd b. Zayd Manāt, (8) Ṣulṣul b. Aus b. Mukhāshin b. Mu'āwiya b. Shurayf b. Jurwa b. Usayyid, (9) Sufyān b. Mujāshi'; Sufyān was the last man who combined the two functions: of a judge and a leader of the mawsim. After his death these duties were performed by two different persons. Muḥammad b. Sufyān performed the duties of a judge at 'Ukāz. At the appearance of Islam the judge was al-Aqra' b. Ḥābis b. 'Iqāl b. Muḥammad b. Sufyān b. Mujāshi'. After Ṣulṣul the "ijāza" of the mawsim was entrusted to 'Allāq b. Shihāb b. La'y of the 'Uwāfa (of the Banū

1) Comp. al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina* II, 165, 170; al-Marzūqī: *Sharḥ al-Ḥamāsa*, p. 1514; Wellhausen: *Reste*, p. 84-87; Buhl: *Das Leben Muhammeds*, pp. 49-50, 105.

2) The opinion of Rathjens (*Die Pilgerfahrt*, p. 70), that there was competition between the market of Mecca and 'Ukāz seems to be without basis.

3) Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 181 inf.; the Mālik b. Kināna were the clan of the intercalators.

Sa'd) ¹⁾. The last man who performed the duty of "ijāza" when Islam appeared was Karib b. Ṣafwān ²⁾.

The list of the Tamīmī judges given by al-Balādhurī on the authority of Ibn Kunāsa is almost identical with the list of *al-Muḥabbar* ³⁾. Identical are as well the lists of the *Naqā'id* ⁴⁾ and al-Marzūqī's *Amkina* ⁵⁾. Ibn Ḥazm reports in a chapter omitted in the edition of Lévi Provençal ⁶⁾, that the Tamīm got the duty of the judges at 'Ukāz and the *ifāda* after it had been performed by 'Adwān. The last of the 'Adwān were 'Āmir b. al-Ḍarīb and Abū Sayyāra. The last man who performed the *ifāda* at the appearance of Islam was Karib b. Ṣafwān; the last judge was al-Aqra' b. Ḥābis. The Tamīm inherited the duties of the *ramy*, *nafr* and the *ijāza* from Ṣūfa—reports Ibn Ḥazm.

Tamīmī poets recall in their poems the duties performed by Tamīm. Al-Farazdaq boasts of the duty of the *ḥakam* performed by one of his ancestors:

*Wa-'ammī 'lladhī 'khtārat Ma'addun ḥukūmatan
'alā 'l-nāsi idh wafau 'Ukāza bihā ma'ā
Huwa 'l-Aqra'u 'l-khayru 'lladhī kāna yabtani
awākbiya majdin thābitin an yunazza'ā'* ⁷⁾

1) Zaynab bint 'Allāq b. Shihāb b. 'Amr of the Banū 'Uwāfa b. Sa'd b. Zayd Manāt was the grandmother of 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Azīz (see Ibn Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 27; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1049 b). His son 'Attāb got the pay ('aḡā') of 2,500 dirham by 'Umar (al-Balādhurī, *op. cit.* f. 1050a; Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 83a). 'Allāq is said to have believed in God and in the Day of Resurrection (al-Shahrastānī, *al-Milal*, p. 439, ed. Cureton).

2) See Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 81a; Ibn Ḥazm: *Jamharat ansāb al-'Arab*, p. 208; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1044a, 957a; Ḍamra b. Jābir b. Nahshal married his daughter Hind (al-Ḍabbī: *Amthāl al-'Arab*, p. 8).

3) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1044 b (but Māzin is followed by Mu'āwiya b. Shurayf; Ṣulṣul is followed by 'Allāq).

4) *Naqā'id* 438 (Tha'laba b. Yarbū' is followed by Mu'āwiya b. Shurayf; but Mu'āwiya b. Shurayf is followed by Jurwa b. Usayyid. That is apparently an error; read for *thumma: bn*).

5) al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina* II, 167.

6) Ḥamd al-Jāsir: *Naḡratun fī kitābi Jamharati ansābi l-'Arabi*, RAAD, 1950, p. 248 seq.

7) al-Farazdaq: *Dīwān*, p. 502 (ed. Ṣāwī).

The function of the judge boasts as well Jarīr:

*Wa-naḥnu 'l-ḥākimūna 'alā Qulākhin
kafaynā dhā 'l-jarīrati wa-l-muṣāba*¹⁾

(There is a variant: *Wa-naḥnu 'l-ḥākimūna 'alā 'Ukāẓin*)²⁾.

A significant verse of Ḥassān b. Thābit refers to the duties of Tamīm in the markets:

*Wa-aḥḍalu mā niltum min al-majdi wa-l-'ulā
ridāfatunā 'inda 'ḥtiqāri 'l-mawāsimi*³⁾

“And the best which you gained from glory and loftiness
Is (to be) our helpers at the attending of markets.”

This verse is the 14th of a poem of Ḥassān, which was an answer to the poem of the delegation of Tamīm, which came to Mecca to meet the prophet anno 9 H. Arafat analysed the poem⁴⁾ and came to the conclusion that though attributed to Ḥassān, it was actually composed by an Anṣārī in a later period. Unfortunately Arafat did not analyse this verse. The conclusion of Arafat is, however, not acceptable as far as this verse is concerned. Taking for granted that there was an Anṣārī poet interested to insult the Tamīm—he would not have recalled this relation of the Tamīm with Mecca. In later times when Quraysh were highly respected in the Islamic society—the *ridāfa* for Quraysh was not an insult.

Arafat remarks that the poem of Ḥassān “is clearly divided into two sections. The first eight lines are boasting in the first person plural in precisely the same manner which characterizes the poems of the later Anṣārīs some of which were attributed to Ḥassān. The remaining six lines are threats and insults addressed to the Banū Dārim”⁵⁾. We are here not concerned with the eight verses of the poem containing

1) Jarīr: *Dīwān*, p. 67; *Naqā'id*, p. 437.

2) See *Naqā'id*, p. 438; Jarīr: *Dīwān*, ib.; Yāqūt: *Buldān*, s.v. Qulākh.

3) Ḥassān: *Dīwān* p. 385 (ed. Barqūqī).

4) W. Arafat: “An interpretation of the different accounts of the visit of the Tamīm delegation to the Prophet A.H. 9”, BSOAS 1955, pp. 416-25.

5) *ib.* p. 422.

praises of the Anṣār and stressing the aid of the Anṣār for the Prophet. Arafat may be right assuming that these verses were composed by an Anṣārī of a later generation. But why did an Anṣārī of a later generation slander the Tamīm in such a vehement manner.

To start with, one may observe that the six verses of Ḥassān (9-14) are an answer for the poem of al-Zibriqān b. Badr ¹⁾. In the four verses recorded al-Zibriqān praises his tribe and their deeds. The verses of Ḥassān form, in fact, an answer, a *naqīḍa* for the verses of al-Zibriqān. The verse of Ḥassān quoted above forms an answer for the first verse of al-Zibriqān:

Ataynāka kaymā ya'lama 'l-nāsu faḍlanā

idhā 'ḥtafalū 'inda 'ḥtiḍāri 'l-mawāsimi

"We came to you in order that people may know our excellence
When they rally attending the markets".

The verse seems to point to the duty of the Tamīm performed in the markets. The answer of Ḥassān—on behalf of the Prophet—is explicit: you were merely our chamberlains, *ardāf*, at these markets. That is the utmost of excellence which you could attain. It would be, in fact, probably better to put this verse after verse 10 of the poem. That would give 3 verses in which Ḥassān refutes the claim of the excellence of the Tamīm. The three other verses (11-13) would form the unity of threat and urge to embrace Islam.

The violent insults in the verses of Ḥassān are not surprising. Ḥassān was known as the poet who mentioned in his verses in the defense of the Prophet the faults of his opponents, their lost battles and some flaws in their pedigree ²⁾.

Arafat refuting the authenticity of the verses of Ḥassān remarks: "However, it is doubtful whether it would be in keeping with the

1) Ibn Hishām: *Sīra* IV, 211; two verses are quoted in al-Marzubānī's *Mu'jam al-shu'arā'*, p. 299 and attributed to 'Uṭārid b. Ḥājib (attributed as well to al-Aqrā' b. Ḥābis).

2) al-Dhahabī: *Sīyar a'lām al-nubalā'* II, 376; al-Zurqānī: *Sharḥ al-mawāhib* III, 376.

character of the Prophet, always a great statesman, to allow such insults and threats to be used on such an occasion against the well known representatives of a great tribe" ¹⁾). The argument of Arafat is a sound one. But there is a report which may give a reasonable answer to the question put forward by Arafat. According to an account given in the *Sīra Ḥalabiyya* ²⁾ there was a contest between al-Aqra' of the Tamīm ³⁾ and Ḥassān (*mufākharā*), which was attended by the Prophet. Al-Aqra' recited his poem and Ḥassān responded with his *naqīḍa*. The Prophet, hearing the verses of Ḥassān, said to al-Aqra': "You did not need (*laqad kumta ghaniyyan*) to be reminded of things which you understand that people already forgot". This utterance of the Prophet—says al-Kalbī—was more grave for al-Aqra' than the verses of Ḥassān.

It is not surprising that this verse (14) of Ḥassān was omitted in later sources. The duty of Tamīm fell in oblivion and was mentioned only by early Islamic Tamīmī poets. The old markets had already ceased to exist. The verse could not serve as argument of boasting or of insult. The modern commentary of Barqūqī gives the following explanation: "It is better for you (says Ḥassān) because if you embrace Islam—you would gain the highest glory (*sharaf*), because you will attend with us all gatherings and that is the best thing you strive at" ⁴⁾). This explanation is hardly acceptable. *Wa-afḍalu mā niltum* does not denote future, but past. The verse was, in fact, an insult in the time of Ḥassān, anno 9 H.: you were merely helpers of ours (of Quraysh) in the markets.

Verses 11-12 of the poem (verse 3 of the second division) describe a real situation. "If you have come to save your lives and your property lest you be divided among the booty, then admit no rival to God, and become Muslims and wear not a similar attire to that of foreigners" ⁵⁾).

1) Arafat, *op. cit.*, p. 423.

2) al-Halabī: *Insān al-'uyūn*, III, 228-29.

3) It is more plausible that the verses of the Tamīmī poet may be attributed to al-Aqra' or 'Utārid b. Ḥājib. It is hardly conceivable that the Sa'dī al-Zibriqān would have praised the Dārim: *wa-an laysa fī arḍi 'l-Ḥijāzi ka-Dārimi*. The verses of Ḥassān are as well addressed to the Dārim: *Banī Dārimin, lā tafkharū*.

4) Ḥassān: *Dīwān*, *ib.*

5) Arafat, *op. cit.*, p. 423.

The situation referred to in these verses is plainly mentioned in the verses of al-Farazdaq. The threat of Ḥassān that the Tamīmī prisoners might have been sold in the markets—cannot be considered as a void threat. Al-Farazdaq boasts of the Dārim:

*Wa-‘inda rasūli ‘llāhi idh shadda qabḍahu
wa-mulli’ a min asrā Tamīmin adāhimuh
Farajnā ‘ani ‘l-asrā ‘l-adāhima ba‘da mā
takhammaṭa wa-’ shtaddat ‘alayhim shakā’imuh¹⁾*

In another poem al-Farazdaq stresses that the freeing of the captives was due to the intercession of al-Aqra’ with the Prophet for them.

*Wa-‘inda rasūli ‘llāhi qāma ‘bnu Ḥābisin
bi-kbuṭṭati sawwārin ilā ‘l-majdi, ḥāẓimi.
Lahū aṭlaqa ‘l-asrā ‘llatī fī ḥibālihi
mughallaqatan a‘nāqubā fī ‘l-adāhimi.
Kafā ummahāti ‘l-khā’ifina ‘alayhim
‘alā’ a l-mufādī au sihāma l-musāhimi²⁾.*

A tradition recorded on the authority of al-Kalbī (forming a commentary of these verses) states that al-Aqra’ interceded for the captives of the ‘Amr b. Jundab b. al-‘Anbar b. ‘Amr b. Tamīm and promised to pay the bloodwit. The Prophet freed the captives and al-Aqra’ paid the bloodwit on behalf of his people³⁾. The verses of Ḥassān about Tamīm seem to be authentic.

One may agree with Arafat about the inferiority of these verses of Ḥassān—but that is not a sufficient proof that these verses were not composed by Ḥassān. Such verses are not surprising in political *hijā’*.

The problem of the delegation of Tamīm deserves to be treated separately.

The secular duties of Tamīm at the market, discussed above, were

1) al-Farazdaq: *Dīwān*, p. 767; *Naqā’id*, p. 748.

2) al-Farazdaq: *Dīwān*, p. 862; *Naqā’id*, p. 747 (*mughallalatan a‘nāqubā*).

3) *Naqā’id*, p. 747; it is significant that versions “L”, “O” of the *Naqā’id* have *au sihāma l-muqāsīmi* resembling closely the expression of the verse of Ḥassān.

complemented by remarkable duties performed by the relatives of Tamīm during the festivities of the pilgrimage. The *Sīra* of Ibn Hishām supplies the following account about the Tamīmī leaders at the pilgrimage festivities:

“Al-Ghauth b. Murr b. Udd b. al-Ya’s b. Muḍar used to give permission to men on pilgrimage to leave ‘Arafa, and this function descended to his children after him. He and his sons used to be called Ṣūfa. Al-Ghauth used to exercise this function because his mother was a woman of Jurhum who had been barren and vowed to Allah that if she bore a son she would give him to the Ka’ba as a slave to serve it and to look after it. In course of time she gave birth to al-Ghauth and he used to look after the Ka’ba in early times with his Jurhum uncles and presided over the order of departure from ‘Arafa because of the office which he held in the Ka’ba. His sons carried on the practice until they were cut off. Murr b. Udd, referring to the fulfilment of the mother’s oath, said:

O Lord, I have made one of my sons
A devotee in Mecca the exalted.
So bless me for the vow fulfilled,
And make him the best of creatures to my credit.

Al-Ghauth, so they allege, used to say when he sent the people away:

O God I am following the example of others.
If that is wrong the fault is Quḍā’a’s.

Yaḥyā b. ‘Abbād b. ‘Abdullah b. al-Zubayr from his father ‘Abbād said: Ṣūfa used to send the people away from ‘Arafa and give them permission to depart when they left Minā. When the day of departure arrived they used to come to throw pebbles, and a man of Ṣūfa used to throw for the men, none throwing until he had thrown. Those who had urgent business used to come and say to him: “Get up and throw so that we may throw with you”, and he would say, “No, by God, not until the sun goes down”; and those who wanted to leave quickly used to throw stones at him to hurry him, saying, “Confound you,

get up and throw". But he refused until the sun went down and then he would get up and throw while the men threw stones with him.

When they had finished the stoning and wanted to leave Minā, Šūfa held both sides of the hill and kept the men back. They said: "Give the order to depart, Šūfa". No one left until they had gone first. When Šūfa left and had passed on, men were left to go their own way and followed them. This was the practice until they were cut off. After them the next of kin inherited. They were of B. Sa'd in the family of Šāfwān b. al-Ḥārith b. Shijna. It was Šāfwān who gave permission to the pilgrims to depart from 'Arafa, and this right was maintained by them up to Islam, the last being Karib b. Šāfwān.

Aus b. Tamīm b. Maghrā' al-Sa'dī said:

The pilgrims do not quit their halting-place at 'Arafa
Until it is said, "Give permission O family of Šāfwān¹⁾".

The verses of Abū Maghrā' are often quoted and the importance of the duty of Karib b. Šāfwān is stressed²⁾. It is a significant verse of Aus b. Maghrā':

*Tarā thinānā, idbā mā jā'a, bad' ahumū
wa-bad' uhum, in atānā, kāna thunyānā³⁾*

The *ijāza* of Šūfa is mentioned in the verses of Murra b. Khulayf:

*Idbā mā ajāzat Šūfatu 'l-naqba min Minan
wa-lāḥa qutārūn fauqahū safā'u 'l-dami
Ra' aytu 'l-iyāba 'ājilan wa-taba'athat
'alayna dawā'in li-l-Rabābi wa-Kalthami⁴⁾*

The two poets of Tamīm, al-Farazdaq and Jarīr mention boasting

1) Ibn Hishām: *Sīra* I, 125 seq.; the translation of the whole quoted passage is taken from Guillaume: *The Life of Muhammad*, p. 49-50; comp. Ibn Kathīr: *al-Bi-dāya* II, 206.

2) al-Mubarrad: *Nasab*, p. 9; Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 183; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1044a; al-Qālī: *Amālī*, II, 176; al-Bakrī: *Simt*, p. 795-96; Ibn Qutayba: *al-Shi'r*, p. 264; Ibn 'Abd Rabbihi: *al-Iqd al-farīd* II, 222; Ibn Abī 'l-Ḥadīd: *Sharḥ nahj al-balāgha* III, 426. Ibn Wallād: *al-Maqṣūr wa-l-mamdūd*, p. 24.

3) L. 'A., s.v. *th* . n . y.

4) al-Marzubānī: *Mu'jam al-shu'arā'*, p. 382.

the *ijāza* of their tribe¹⁾ in Mecca. A verse of al-Farazdaq about the *ijāza* of Tamīm was considered as unsurpassed (*afkhar*) in boasting:

Idhā habaṭa 'l-nāsu 'l-Muḥaṣṣaba min Minan
'ashiyyata yaumi 'l-nahri min ḥaythu 'arrafū
Tarā 'l-nāsa mā sirnā yasīrūna kbalfanā
*wa-in nahnu auma'nā ilā 'l-nāsi waqqafū*²⁾

Jarīr says:

Wa-jawwāzu 'l-ḥajji lanā 'alaykum
*wa-'ādiyyu 'l-makārimi wa-l-manāri*³⁾

1) The tradition stating that Šūfa were the descendants of al-Ghauth b. Murr (called al-Rabīṭ, or Šūfa) is recorded by Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jambara*, ms. f. 60a (they perished; Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *Mukhtaliḥ al-qabā'il*; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 956b; Ibn Qutayba: *al-Ma'ārif*, p. 34 (al-Ghauth b. Murr moved to al-Yaman and were called Šūfa); al-Kalā'ī: *al-Iktifā'*, I, 132 seq.; and see Wellhausen: *Reste*, p. 77; Caetani: *Annali* I, p. 105 (79).

There are however contradictory traditions about Šūfa. Al-Azraqī: *Akbbār* (Wüstenfeld, I, 128) reports that the men, who were entrusted with the duty of the *ifāda* were descendants of Šūfa, whose name was Akhzam; he was from the Māzin b. Asad. Al-Ghauth b. Šūfa, the son of Šūfa and a woman from Jurhum, was entrusted with the *ijāza* by Ḥubshiyya of the Khuzā'a. His descendants performed the *ifāda* in the times of Jurhum and Khuzā'a till they perished. In the times of Quraysh the *ifāda* passed to the 'Adwān (of Qays 'Aylān), to Zayd b. 'Adwān. The last man, who performed this duty when Islam appeared was Abū Sayyāra.

Al-Maqdisi (*Kit. al-Bad'* IV, 127-ed. Huart) records that Šūfa were a group from Jurhum, given the privilege of the *ijāza*. They were defeated in the battle with Quṣayy.

Yāqūt reports that the *ijāza* was in the beginning entrusted to people from Khuzā'a, passed to 'Adwān and became the privilege of Abū Sayyāra; finally it became the privilege of al-Ghauth b. Murr b. Udd (*al-Buldān*, s.v. Thabīr).

In another passage Yāqūt reports that a group of Jurhum, called Šūfa, used to perform the *ijāza*. The poet said about them:

Wa-lā yarīmūna fī 'l-ta'rīfi mauqī'abum
ḥattā yuqāla: "ajīzu āla Šūfānā"

(Yāqūt: *al-Buldān*, s.v. Makka). The privilege passed to Khuzā'a, was later transferred to 'Adwān (Abū Sayyāra). Quṣayy removed Abū Sayyāra and his people.

According to al-Sijistānī (*al-Mu'ammārūn*, p. 51 ed. Goldziher) Šūfa performed the duty of the *ijāza* one day; on another day the duty was performed by 'Adwān. (see n. 34 of Goldziher.)

2) Ibn Rashīq: *al-'Umda* II, 137; al-'Askari: *Dīwān al-Ma'ānī*, I, 78; al-Farazdaq: *Dīwān*, p. 5667 (ed. al-Šāwī; there is a misprint: *auma'nā ilā 'l-nāri*, instead of *ilā 'l-nāsi*); but see al-Qālī: *al-Amālī* (Dhayl 119 inf.) and Ibn Rashīq: *al-'Umda* II, 269.

3) Jarīr: *Dīwān*, p. 298.

Al 'Ajjāj says describing the multitude of the pilgrims:

*Ḥattā idhā mā ḥāna fiṭru 'l-ṣuwwami
ajāza minnā jā'izun lam yūqami¹⁾*

These verses of the Tamīmī poets clearly point to the above co-operation between Quraysh and Tamīm. The fact that Quraysh invested Tamīm with the two most important duties in their religions and economic life: the *ḥukūma* and the *ijāza*²⁾ shows that the Tamīm were in fact strong and influential and rendered considerable services to Mecca.

The suggestion of Wellhausen, that the granting of the *ijāza* to Šūfa (and later to Tamīm—K) shows, that Mecca was not the center of the *ḥajj*³⁾ seems not to be adequate. Quraysh ceded their authority or invested a clan with some duties in their territory or in the territory in which the exertion of influence was vital for Quraysh (the markets), because they could in this way more efficiently control the activities of the tribes and gain the security of their territory. There were precedents of this kind and this principle was already applied by the rulers of the border kingdoms⁴⁾. About the investment of some duties in the market, we can gauge from a significant passage in al-Marzūqī's *Amkina*⁵⁾:

*Wa-kāna ashrāfu 'l-'Arabi yatawāfauna bi-tilka 'l-aswāqi ma'a 'l-tujjāri
min ajli anna 'l-mulūka kānat tarḍakhu li-l-asbrāfi, li-kulli sharīfin bi-sahmin*

1) al-'Ajjāj: *Diwān*, p. 60 (ed. Ahlwardt).

2) For the *ijāza* see: von Grunebaum: *Muhammadan Festivals*, p. 32-33; Wellhausen: *Reste*, pp. 57, 75-80; about *ashriq Thabir* see Abū Miṣḥal: *Nawādir*, p. 452; and see L. 'A., s.v. *th b r* and *Sh r q*.

3) Wellhausen: *Reste*, p. 77: "Das Recht, das Zeichen zum Beginne des Laufes zu geben, die sogenannte *Ijāza* stand in alter Zeit den Čufa d. i. den Āl Čafwān zu, nicht den Quraisch (B. Hischām 77₁₂, 80₅, 82₅, vrgl. Agh. III, 417, seq.). Das ist bemerkenswert. Hätte Mekka im Mittelpunkt gestanden, so hätten es auch die Quraisch getan; statt dessen wird berichtet, dass sie in der heidnischen Zeit sich gar nicht an der Festversammlung zu 'Arafa beteiligten, sondern erst an einem späteren Punkte zu der Prozession stiessen".

4) Comp. Ibn Ḥabīb: *Asmā' al-muḡhtālīn* (*Nawādir al-maḡṭūfāt*, ed. A. S. Hārūn 6, 221). But perhaps to read *mulayk* not *malīk* (*ay laysa bi-l-malīki l-tāmmi*).

5) al-Marzūqī: *al-Amkina*, II, 166.

min al-arbāhi. Fa-kāna sharīfu kulli baladin yaḥḍuru sūqa baladibi, illā 'Ukāẓa, fa-innahum kānū yatawāfauna bihā min kulli aubin.

"And the nobles (leaders of the tribes) used to frequent these markets with the merchants, because the kings used to allot to every leader (*sharīf*, noble), a share of the profits. The leader of every area used to attend the market of this district, except 'Ukāẓ, as they flocked to 'Ukāẓ from every side".

This passage gives some idea about the relations between the rulers and the Bedouin chiefs. They were granted some share in the profits. Such apparently was the situation in Dūmat al-Jandal, at Hajar, at Ṣuḥār-at Dabā and in other markets, controlled by rulers of client kingdoms in which there were taxes levied. In the same way Quraysh invested the Tamīm with the privilege of the leadership of the market of 'Ukāẓ. But this was not based on some paltry reward. 'Ukāẓ was a free market where no taxes were paid. There is no indication what this reward was. The expression *a'immat al-'Arab* points to some principle of mutual co-operation. As an ideological base served the principle of the respect for the sanctuary of Mecca and the sacred months. It is clear that the consent of the tribes was necessary for the performing of this duty.

The control of the markets and the *ijāza* were of importance not only for the tribes. It was of the concern of some rulers as well. This can be gauged from a significant tradition reported by Suhaylī: *wa-qāla ba'du naqalati 'l-akhbāri inna wilāyata 'l-Ghauthi kānat min qibali mulūki Kindata.* "Some transmitters of historical records say that the appointment of al-Ghauth (b. Murr) was done by the kings of Kinda"¹). These Ghauth b. Murr are said to have left for al-Yaman²). The traditions that al-Ghauth b. Murr emigrated to al-Yaman point clearly to their connections with South Arabia. According to tradition, after Ṣūfa were extinguished, the duty was inherited by the Ṣafwān b. al-Ḥārith b. Shijna of the Sa'd, who were next in kin (*fa warithabum dhālika min ba'dihim bi-l-qu'dudī*). One may remember that this family had close connections

1) al-Suhaylī: *al-Rawḍ al-unuf* I, 84 inf.

2) See above, p. 154, n. 1.

with the Kinda family. It was Uwayr b. Shijna who sheltered some members of the defeated family of Kinda and was praised by Imru 'l-Qays. It was Karib b. Şafwān who refused to join the other clans of Tamīm in their attack against the 'Āmir b. Şa'sa'a, who belonged to the Ḥums, at the battle of Jabala. One may venture to suggest that there is a grain of truth in this tradition. The Kinda co-operated with Quraysh in the escort of caravans¹⁾ and it is plausible that they influenced at least the appointment of the man and the clan who performed the *ijāza*.

A Sa'di leader and poet, al-Zibriqān b. Badr, reproached a man who dared to slander Abū Jahl. He said:

*Atadrī man hajauta Abā Ḥabībīn
salīla khaḍārimin sakanū 'l-biṭāḥa
A "Zāda 'l-Rakbi" tadhkuru am Hishāman
wa-bayta 'llāhi wa-l-balada
l-laqāḥa* ²⁾

The verses express loyalty and respect to the aristocratic Qurashite (Abū Jahl) and devotion for Mecca.

The branch of Tamīm to whom the function of the judge at Ukāz was entrusted were the Mujāshi' of the Dārim, a clan influential at the court of al-Ḥira³⁾.

The tradition discussed in this paper give us a rough idea how the clans of Tamīm became linked with Mecca: some of them by the organization of the Ḥums, some of them by the pacts of *ilāf*, some of them by getting the authority at the markets and in performing of the rites of the *ḥajj*, some of them by participating in the intertribal militia to guard Mecca.

It is plausible that we find in Mecca men from Tamīm as *ḥulafā'* and daughters of Tamīmī chiefs married by leaders of Meccan clans. This fact may deserve to be stressed. According to some traditions, Quraysh

1) Comp. Muḥ. b. Ḥabīb: *al-Muḥabbar*, p. 267 (about the market of al-Rābiya in Ḥaḍramaut): "...the Quraysh used to request the escort of Kinda...and the Banū Ākil al-Murār gained power, owing to Quraysh, over other people"...

2) Yāqūt: *Buldān*, s.v. Makka.

3) See Oppenheim — Caskel: *Die Beduinen*, III, 166.

refrained from marrying daughters of some tribes. Tumāḍīr bint al-Asbagh of Kalb, the wife of 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. 'Auf was the first Kalbī woman married by a Qurashite. Quraysh did not enter into marriages with Kalb¹⁾. About a family of Tamīm tradition emphasizes that Quraysh entered into marriages with this family²⁾.

The wife of the noble Makhzūmite, Hishām b. al-Mughīra, the mother of the famous Abū Jahl, was Asmā' bint Mukharriba b. Jandal b. Ubayr b. Nahshal b. Dārim. She was as well the mother of 'Abdallah b. Abī Rabī'a and 'Ayyāsh b. Abī Rabī'a³⁾. 'Ayyāsh b. Abī Rabī'a⁴⁾ married Asmā' bint Salāma b. Mukharriba b. Jandal⁵⁾. 'Abdallah b. 'Ayyāsh b. Abī Rabī'a married Hind bint Muṭarrif b. Salāma b. Mukharriba⁶⁾. 'Abdallah b. Abī Rabī'a married the daughter of the Tamīmī leader 'Uṭārid b. Ḥājib b. Zurāra-Laylā⁷⁾. Abū Jahl married the daughter of 'Umayr b. Ma'bad b. Zurāra⁸⁾. 'Ubaydullah b. 'Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb married Asmā' bint 'Uṭārid b. Ḥājib b. Zurāra⁹⁾. Khaula bint al-Qa'qā' b. Ma'bad b. Zurāra b. 'Udas married Talḥa b. 'Ubaydallah; her second marriage was with Abū Jahm b. Ḥudhayfa¹⁰⁾. Laylā bint

1) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, p. 267; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 95 b.

2) al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 989 b: ..kāna sharīfan wa-qad nakaḥat ilayhi Qurayshun..

3) Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 36a, 67b; al-Jumaḥī: *Ṭabaqāt fuḥūl al-shu'arā'*, p. 123; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 135a, 140 b; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, pp. 317, 301; al-Wāqidi: *Maghāzī*, pp. 83-84; Abū 'l-Faraj: *al-Aghānī* I, 29 seq.; *Naqā'id*, p. 607; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 986 b, 804a; Ibn 'Abd al-Barr: *al-Istī'āb*, p. 495; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb* I, 298, 209, 235; Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba* VIII, 10 (No. 55 women).

4) See about him: Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba*, No. 6118.

5) Ibn Hishām: *Sīra* I, 273; Ibn 'Abd al-Barr: *al-Istī'āb*, p. 705; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, pp. 267, 319; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 96a.

6) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, p. 319; Ibn Sa'd: *Ṭabaqāt* V, 28.

7) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *Nasab Quraysh*, p. 318; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār: *Nasab Quraysh*, ms. f. 141a; Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba* VIII, 182; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 804 b.

8) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *op. cit.*, p. 312; al-Zubayr b. Bakkār, *op. cit.* f. 135 b.

9) al-Jumaḥī: *Ṭabaqāt fuḥūl al-shu'arā'*, p. 488 n. 3.

10) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār, *op. cit.*, ms. f. 118a, 171a; al-Balādhurī: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 871a; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, pp. 372, 281; Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba* VIII, 71 (No. 371); Ibn Sa'd: *Ṭabaqāt* III I, 152; V, 120; VI, 147 (ed. Leiden).

Mas'ūd b. Khālīd b. Mālīk b. Rib'ī b. Sulmī b. Jandal b. Nahshal married 'Alī b. Abī Ṭālib; her second marriage was with 'Abdallah b. Ja'far b. Abī Ṭālib¹). 'Aqīl b. Abī Ṭālib married the daughter of Sinān b. al-Ḥautakiyya of the Sa'd b. Zayd Manāt²). The daughters of al-Zibriqān b. Badr married Sa'd b. Abī Waqqaṣ, al-Musawwir b. Makhrama al-Zuhri, 'Amr b. Umayya al-Ḍamrī, al-Ḥārith b. al-Ḥakam b. Abī 'l-Āṣ b. Umayya b. 'Abd Shams, 'Uthmān b. Abī 'l-Āṣ, al-Ḥakam b. Abī 'l-Āṣ, Umayya b. Abī 'l-Āṣ³).

Umayya al-Aṣghar, 'Abd Umayya, Naufal and Ama were the children of 'Abd Shams b. 'Abd Manāf, born by his wife, 'Abla bint 'Ubayd b. Jādhil b. Qays b. Ḥanzala b. Mālīk b. Zayd Manāt; their descendants were called *al-'Abalāt*⁴). Naufal b. 'Abd Manāf b. Quṣayy married Fukayha bint Jandal b. Ubayr b. Nahshal b. Dārim⁵). One of the wives of al-Muṭṭalib b. 'Abd Manāf b. Quṣayy was Umm al-Ḥārith bint al-Ḥārith b. Salīṭ b. Yarbū' b. Ḥanzala b. Mālīk b. Zayd Manāt⁶). Umayya b. Khalaf married a Tamīmī woman, Salmā bint 'Auf; she gave birth to 'Alī b. Umayya killed at Badr⁷). Wahb b. 'Uthmān b. Abī Ṭalḥa of the 'Abd al-Dār b. Quṣayy married Su'da bint Zayd b. Laqīṭ of the Māzin b. 'Amr b. Tamīm⁸). Ḥarb b. Umayya married a Tamīmī woman⁹).

Nāfi' b. Ṭarīf b. 'Amr b. Naufal b. 'Abd Manāf married Ghaniyya bint Abī Ihāb b. 'Azīz b. Qays b. Suwayd b. Rabī'a b. Zayd b. 'Abd b. Dārim¹⁰). Abū Ihāb was a descendant of Suwayd b. Rabī'a who

1) Ibn al-Kalbī, *Jamhara*, ms. f. 9a; al-Balādhuri's *Ansāb*, ms. f. 153a; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, pp. 44, 83; Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba* No. 8404; Ibn Sa'd: *Ṭabaqat* III, 19.

2) al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 154a, 1050a.

3) al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 1044a; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, p. 169.

4) Ibn al-Kalbī *Jamhara*, ms. f. 116; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, p. 98; Mu'arrij al-Sadūsī: *Ḥadhif*, p. 30; al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 345, 806; Abū 'l-Faraj: *Aghānī* I, 82.

5) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī: *op. cit.*, p. 198; al-Balādhuri: *Ansāb*, ms. f. 808a (Kuhayfa bint Jandal—not Fukayha); Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 21a.

6) Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 20; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, pp. 44, 83; Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba* No. 8404; Ibn Sa'd: *Ṭabaqat* III, 19.

7) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār, *op. cit.*, f. 176 b; al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, p. 387 inc.

8) al-Zubayr b. Bakkār, *op. cit.*, f. 88a.

9) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, p. 123.

10) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, p. 204.

killed a son of the ruler of al-Ḥira and escaped to Mecca. He became an ally of the Naufal b. 'Abd Manāf. The grandfather of Ghaniyya, 'Aziz b. Qays married Fākhita bint 'Āmir b. Naufal b. 'Abd Manāf¹). Abū Ihāb b. 'Azīz, the father of Ghaniyya married Durra bint Abī Lahab, the uncle of the prophet²). The daughter of Abū Ihāb married 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. 'Attāb b. Asīd b. Abī 'l-'Iṣ b. Umayya b. 'Abd Shams³).

The granddaughter of Abū Lahab, Durra bint 'Utba b. Abī Lahab married a Tamīmī: Hind b. Hind b. Abī Hāla the grandson of Khadija from her first (or second) husband, the Tamīmī Abū Hāla⁴). The daughter of Naufal b. al-Ḥārith b. 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib⁵) married the Tamīmī Ḥanzala b. al-Rabī'a, the secretary of the Prophet⁶), the nephew of Aktham b. Ṣayfī⁷).

The list of the Tamīmī women who married the men of the aristocratic families of Quraysh is not comprehensive at all. There seems to have been a considerable number of Tamīmī women who married the sons of distinguished families of Mecca. It points to the close relations between Quraysh and Tamīm. These marriages may have been intended to strengthen the ties with the chiefs of Tamīm, who contributed considerably to strengthen the position of Mecca in the tribal society.

1) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, pp. 204, 420; al-Zubayr. b. Bakkār, *op. cit.*, f. 186a; Abū 'l-Baqā', *op. cit.*, f. 150b.

2) Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 116 b.

3) al-Muṣ'ab al-Zubayrī, *op. cit.*, p. 193.

4) Ibn al-Kalbī: *Jamhara*, ms. f. 118b.

5) See about him: Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba*, No. 8827.

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7) See about him: Ibn Ḥajar: *al-Iṣāba*, No. 1855.

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