



Shaykh Gibril Fouad Haddad was hailed in the inaugural edition of *The 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World* as “one of the clearest voices of traditional Islam in the West.” Born in Beirut, Lebanon, he studied there, in the UK (he is an OKS), the US (where he took *shahada* in December 1991), France and Syria. He holds a doctorate in Hadith from Kolej Universiti Insaniah, Kedah Darul Aman, Malaysia, and a Ph.D. in French literature from Columbia University in New York. He holds scholarly licenses (*ijāzas*) from over 200 Shaykhs including Dr. Nur al-Din ‘Itr, Dr. Muhammad ‘Alawi al-Maliki, Shaykh Sa‘id al-Kaḥil, Shaykh Sulayman Ghawji al-Albani, Shaykh Muhammad Taysir al-Makhzumi, Qadi Muhammad Murshid Abidin, Shaykh Husayn ‘Usayran, Shaykh Salim Hammami and many others. He won the State of Qatar’s Shaykh Hamad Award for Translation and International Understanding in 2017 for *Ḥizb One of the Commentary on the Qur’an by al-Bayḍāwī*, completed on a three-year appointment as a Senior Assistant Professor at Universiti Brunei Darussalam. He left academia the following year in order to complete what became *Baydawi’s Complete Commentary of the Quran*, the first-ever integral translation – in any language – of the most-studied *tafsīr* in Islamic civilization.

He has authored 50 books and hundreds of articles on Islamic hermeneutics, doctrine, Hadith, sufism, scholarly biography, and heresiology, including *The Four Imams and Their Schools* (German and Malay translations), *The Muhammadan Light* (Bengali and Indonesian translations) and most recently:

- *The Meanings of the Inimitable Quran*, the first integral English translation of the Qur’ān to document the ten canonical, mass-transmitted readings (*qirā’āt* or lections) according to the highest scholarly standards.
- *Baydawi’s Complete Commentary of the Quran*, currently being indexed, to be published in 2027 in sha Allah, in eight volumes totalling 3,600 pages, with over 14,000 footnotes.
- *The Sufi Answers to the ‘Salafi’ Calumnies* on *tawassul* (using intermediacy and intercession to God), *tabarruk* (getting blessings from holy people and relics), *ziyāra* (visitation of graves of the pious), *kashf* (spiritual unveiling) and more.
- *The Lights of Guidance*, a two-volume, 1,000-page translation of over 200 *suhbas* delivered in Arabic by Shaykh Nazim al-Haqqani in Lebanon in the late 1970s and early 1980s.
- *Musnad of Ahl al-Bayt*, an original Arabic-English compilation of 40 full-chained Hadiths of the Prophet ﷺ narrated from 40 of his contemporary descendants out of 40 Hadith books.
- An annotated English translation of al-Nabhani’s *The Prophet’s Knowledge of the Unseen* comprising over 700 fully-documented hadiths.
- A bio-bibliographical overview of Sunni doctrinal history entitled *The Maturidi School from Abu Hanifa to al-Kawthari* that was translated to Bosnian.
- A study on Hadith, *Sīra* and *ḥudūd* (statutory penalties) entitled *The Incineration of Persons in Jihad, Criminal Penalties and Reprisals: A Critique of ISIS’s Argument in Light of the Sources*, whose launch was featured on Malaysia national TV.

A disciple of Shaykh Muhammad Nazim al-Haqqani (1922-2014) and Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani (1945-2024) in the Naqshbandi Tariqa since 1991, Shaykh Gibril was graced in 2010 with their handwritten signed *ijāzas* (authorizations) in Arabic, English and Bahasa Indonesia for *irshād* (giving guidance); conveyance of *maw‘iza* (admonishment); *ṣuḥba* (association); and *dhikr* (remembrance).