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#### Abstract

This dissertation focuses on one of the most fundamental and basic areas of human life, that is, right and freedom of movement. It involves the following major aspects.

The emphasis is on the issue of movement as it involves two distinguishable types. The first one refers to "journey" as travelling for different purposes with the ultimate objective of achieving a desired goal, for instance, to seek knowledge and to preach Islām. According to Islamic law, such journeys are sometimes considered as duty (wājib) and at other times as being recommended (mandūb). The second type of movement is related to migration or hijrah, an action that implies the intentional change of one's domicile. Due to imposed circumstances, a person is arbitrarily forced to leave his homeland for any number of reasons. For instance, the impetus for migration could be perceived danger to one's life or one's property.

It is apparent that classical Muslim jurists applied the terms "muhājir" for the Muslim migrant and "mustā'min" or "mustajīr" for the non-Muslims who seek security in the Islamic state. There is general agreement that Islam not only grants but also guarantees this right of asylum to non-Muslims without any hindrances. However, these jurists insisted that Muslim citizens in non-Muslim countries should migrate to Islamic territories and that they have no right to emigrate from Muslim lands to live permanently in non-Islamic states. Moreover, they claimed that Muslims who needed asylum had the right to seek security only in Islamic countries.

I have argued that a Muslim is not bound by such restrictions on his freedom of movement. He is free to migrate or to seek asylum anywhere he wishes, including non-Muslim countries. In some cases, such hijrah to non-

Muslim lands is not only recommended but may be a duty  $(w\bar{a}jib)$ .

There is also the issue of a distinction between right and freedom. The majority of the classical jurists looked at the question of 'right' from the point of view that it is an abstract right (haqq ma`nawi) which is common for all human beings. On the other hand, the minority viewed freedom as a means to acquiring a right.

Furthermore, I have looked into the Islamic Council of Europe (ICE)'s viewpoint which advocates the right of every Muslim to move freely into any Islamic state. In addition, this study has exposed the limitations of the various international instruments in safeguarding the right of movement of all human beings.

Lastly, I have proposed that the United Nations (UN) review the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in a more objective and justifiable manner. This may be realized by allowing equal participation and decision making by all nations of the world, irrespective of their religion, colour and race. I have also suggested that efficient jurists from Muslim communities all over the world be selected to ensure the accurate dissemination of Islamic concepts and values.

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"He who does not thank people, does not thank Allah." 1

Sunan Abū Dā'wūd, Sunan Al-Tirmidhī and Musnad Ahmad Ibn Hanbal.

# Dedication

To my dearest friend, the martyr Dr. Abdullah `Azzam, who suffered voluntary exile and passed away for the sake of Islam

#### Also

To my father and to the memory of my mother may Allah grant them both His mercy for the loving wisdom with which nourished me.

#### And

To my Wife for Her Utmost Care, Patience and Suffering during the period of my detention in Jordan, and arbitrary removal from office at Yarmouk University (1986-1990) for the cause of defending human rights.

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# Rules for Transliteration of Arabic

# Letters of the Alphabet

Initial	Medial	Final	Alone	Romanization
L	L	L	1	omit (see Note 1)
ب		ب.	Ų	b
ڌ	<u>.</u>	ت	ت	t
ش	<del>+</del> ==	ب ت ث	ث	th
*	*	r r q q q	₹	j
>	~	· <del></del>	٦	<u></u> h
<del>*</del>	خ	سخ	ċ	kh
7	7	7	7	d
; ;	<u>.</u>	ż	<b>.</b>	dh
ر	سر	سر	ر	r
ز	بز	مز	ر س ش	· <b>z</b>
		<b>بس</b>	س	S
ش		<u>ش</u>	ش	sh
س ش مد خ	مر نز شد شد سد سد	r , j d d d d d d d d d d d d d	ص ض مل مل	ş.
منب		٠٠٠٠	ص	<b>ș</b> d
4	<u></u>	<u>لما</u>	مل	<b>\$</b>
Ŀ	1	<u>ند</u>	<u>ا</u> نہ	<b>7</b>
ع	×	ُ ہے	ع	' (ayn)
Ė	<i>3</i> 4.	سغ	غ	gh
ف ق	.ف	مف	ٺ	f (see Note 2)
Ë,	ة ك 1	ـق	ع ف ق ك	q (see Note 2)
<u>ገ</u> አ	,ک	ىك		, k
1	1	ہل	ل	<u>,</u> 1
م,	<u>.م.</u>	<i>م</i>	P	m
نہ	<u>.</u>	م بن	ن	n
مو	4	۵, ۵	å,ö	h (see Note 3)
و	۔و	.و	و	w
<b>:</b>	**	سی	ی	у

# Vowels and Diphthongs

á	a	lá	a (see Rule 5)	۵۵	ĭ
á	u	⊡ی	á (see Rule 6(a))	<u>.</u>	aw
ō	i	۵ُو	ū	۩ٙؽ	ay

#### Letters Representing Non-Arabic Consonants

This list is not exhaustive. It should be noted that a letter in this group may have more than one phonetic value, depending on the country or area where it is used, and that the romanization will vary accordingly.

			ch		
ጟ	g	ङ	zh	<b>ۋ</b>	V
بب	ם	ŕ	zh	ي	٧

#### Notes

- 1. For the use of alif to support hamzah, see rule 2. For the romanization of hamzah by the consonantal sign ' (alif) see rule 8(a). For other orthographic uses of alif see rules 3-5.
- 2. The  $Maghrib \tilde{i}$  variations  $\hookrightarrow$  and  $\dot{o}$  are romanized f and q respectively.
- 3. ö in a word in the construct state is romanized t. See rule 7(b).

#### RULES OF APPLICATION

# Arabic Letters Romanized in Different Ways Depending on Their Context

1. As indicated in the table, and may represent:

(a)	The consonants romanized w and y, respectively	
	wad'	وشع
	ʻiwad	عوش
	dalw	دلو
	yad	ید
	, ḥiyal	حبيل ِ
	ţahy	ملهي

(b) The long vowels romanized  $\bar{u}$ ,  $\bar{l}$ , and  $\bar{a}$  respectively

Well folltatitized it, i, and a respectively	
นีโล้	اولى
şūrah	سورة
dhū	ذو
វិភាពិព	ايمان
jN	جيل
fī	في
kitāb	كتاب
saḥāb	سحاب
jumān	جمان

See also rules 11(a) and 11(b1-2).

(c) The diphthongs romanized aw and ay, respectively awj nawm law aysar shaykh 'ayn [ See also rules 11(a)(2) and 11(b)(3). when used to support . (hamzalı) are not represented in romanization. See ru 8(a). . I (alif) when used to support \(\vec{\pi}\) (waslah) and \(\vec{\pi}\) (maddah) is not represented in romanizatio See rules 9 and 10. when used as orthographic signs without phonetic significance are not represented by when used as orthographic signs without phonetic significance are not represented by the significance are not represented in romanization. fa'alū

See also rule 12 and examples cited in rules 23-26.

'ilman wa-'amalan

ulā'ika

5.  $\int (alif)$  is used to represent the long vowel romanized  $\bar{a}$ , as indicated in the table.

ridā

فاعل خطا

This I, when medial, is sometimes omitted in Arabic; it is always indicated in romanization. So rule 19.

6. Final 3 appears in the following special cases:

2.

3.

4.

(a) As عَلَّ (alif maqsūrah) used in place of أَلُ to represent the long vowel romanized á.

hattá madá kubrá Yahyá musammá Mustalá حتی مضی کبر ک یحیی مستی (b) As  $\Box$  in nouns and adjectives of the form fa'il which are derived from defective roots. This ending is romanized i, not iy, without regard to the presence of  $\Box$  (shaddah). See rule 11(b2).

Radi al-Din

رضي الدين

Compare the fa'll form of the same root الرضي [with out shaddah] al-Radi.

(c) As  $\Box$  in the relative adjective (nisbah). The ending, like (b) above, is romanized  $\Gamma$ .

al-Mişri

المسرق

#### 7. ö (ta marbūtah)

(a) When the noun or adjective ending in 5 is indefinite, or is preceded by the definite article, 5 is romanized h. The 5 in such positions is often replaced by 6.

şalāh al-Risālah mir'āh Urjūzah fi al-tibb سلاة الرسالة مرآة ارجوزة في السلب

(b) When the word ending in o is in the construct state, o is romanized t.

Wizārat al-Tarbiyah

مر آة الرمان

Mir'āt al-zamān

(c) When the word ending in o is used adverbally, o (vocalized o) is romanized tan. See rule 12(b).

# Romanization of Arabic Orthographic Symbols Other than Letters and Vowel Signs

The signs listed below are frequently omitted from unvocalized Arabic writing and printing; their presence or absence must then be inferred. They are represented in romanization according to the following rules:

# 8. • (hamzah)

(a) In initial position, whether at the beginning of a word, following a prefixed preposition or conjunction, or following the definite article, • is not represented in romanization. When medial or final, • is romanized as ' (alif).

asad	أسد
uns	ائس
idha	إذا
mas'alah	مسألة
mu'tamar	مؤتمر
dã'ím	دائم
mala'	ملا
khaṭ ʿāʾ	خطئ

- (b) •, when replaced by the sign  $\Box$  (waslah) and then known as hamzar al-wasl, it is n represented in romanization. See rule 9 below.
- 9.  $\Box$  (waslah), like initial •, is not represented in romanization. See also rule 8(b) above. Whe the alif which supports waslah belongs to the article  $\Box$ , the initial vowel of the article romanized a. See rule 17(b). In other words, beginning with hamzat al-wasl, the initial vow is romanized i.

- 10. \( \tilde{\t
  - (a) Initial I is romanized ā ālah

آلة

- (b) Medial T, when it represents the phonetic combination 'ā, is so romanized.

  ta'ālīf

  ma'āthir
- (c)  $\Box$  is otherwise not represented in romanization. khulafā'
- 11. \(\tilde{\mathbb{U}}\) (shaddah or tashdid)
  - (a) Over:

(1) رَّ , representing the combination of long vowel plus consonant, is romanized uv 'aduw' quwah

See also rule 1(b).

(p)	Over	:ی
	(1)	Medial قا, representing the combination of long vowel plus consonant, is romanized iyy
		al-Miṣrlyyah المصرِيّة
		See also rule 1(b)
	(2)	Final 🗓 is romanized i. See rules 6(b) and 6(c).
	(3)	Medial and final 50, representing the combination of diphthong plus consonant, is romanized ayy.
		ayyām
		ayyām sayyid Quşayy
		Quşayy
		See also rule 1(c)
(c) Over other letters, \(\tilde{\pi}\) is represented in romanization by doubling the letter or concerned.		
	COHO	al-Ghazzī الغرقيّة
		al-Kashshāf الكشّاف
Tanv Tanv	vii m vin is :	ay take the written form $f$ , $\bar{f}$ ( $\bar{f}$ ), or $\bar{f}$ , romanized $un$ , $an$ , and $in$ , respectively. normally disregarded in romanization, however. It is indicated in the following cases:
(a)	Whe	en it occurs in indefinite nouns derived from defective roots.
		قاض قاض معنتی qāḍin
		ma¹nan معنىق
(p)		en it indicates the adverbial use of a noun or adjective.
	•	فحاة فعاقة المستواط ا
		'atan المشت ك وضعاً والمؤترة
		eh it indicates the advertial use of a noun of asposition المشترك وضعاً والمفترق atan Mushtarik wad'an wa-al-muftariq سقعاً والمفترق وضعاً والمفترق المفترة والمفترة

آوّا, representing the combination of diphthong plus consonant, is romanized aww.

Shawwāl

şawwara

jaww

See also rule 1(c).

12.

#### Grammatical Structure as It Affects Romanization

13. Final inflections of verbs are retained in romanization, except in pause.

man waliya Misr ma'rifat mā yajibu la-hum sallá Allāh 'alai hi wa-sallam al-Lu'lu' al-maknūn fi hukm al-akhbār 'ammā sayakūn

من ولِيَ مصر معرفة ما يجب لهم صلى الله عليه وسلم اللؤلؤ المكنون فى حكم الاخبار عما سيكون

- 14. Final inflections of nouns and adjectives:
  - (a) Vocalic endings are not represented in romanization, except preceding pronominal suffixe and except when the text being romanized is in verse.

Ma'had Mawlāya al-Ḥasan
uṣūluhā al-naſsiy yɔkwa-ṭuruq
tadrīsihā
ilá yawminā hādhā

محهد مولاى الحسن اصولها النفسية وطرق تدريسها

الي يومنا هذا

- (b) Tanwin is not represented in romanization, except as specified in rule 12.
- (c)  $\ddot{o}$  ( $t\ddot{a}'$  marb $\bar{u}tah$ ) is romanized h or t as specified in rule 7.
- (d) For the romanization of the relative adjective (nisbah) see rule 6(c).
- 15. Pronouns, pronominal suffixes, and demonstratives:
  - (a) Vocalic endings are retained in romanization.

anā wa-anta hādhihi al-ḥāl mu'allafātuhu wa-shurūḥuhā انا وانت هذه الحال مؤلفاته وشروحها

(b) At the close of a phrase or sentence, the ending is romanized in its pausal form.

ḥayātuhu wa-'aṣruh Tawfiq al-Ḥakim, afkāruh, āthāruh حياته وعسره توفيق الحكيم، افكاره، آثاره

- 16. Prepositions and conjunctions:
  - (a) Final vowels of separable prepositions and conjunctions are retained in romanization.

anna annahu ان انه

baina yadayhu

بین یدیه

Mote the special cases: ممن mimmā, ممن mimman.

(b) Inseparable prepositions, conjunctions, and other prefixes are connected with what follows by a hyphen.

bi-hi

wa-ma'ahu

lā-silkī

The definite article: 17.

> (a) The romanized form al is connected with the following word by a hyphen.

> > al-kitāb al-thānī

الكتاب الثاني

al-ittihād

الاتحاد

al-asl

الاميل

al-āthār

الا ثار

When I is initial in the word, and when it follows an inseparable preposition or (b) conjunction, it is always romanized al regardless of whether the preceding word, as romanized, ends in a vowel or a consonant.

ilá al-ān

الى الآن

Abū al-Wafā' Maktabat al-Nahdah al-Misriyyah ابو الوفاء مكتبة النهضة المسرية بالتمام والكمال

bi-al-tamām wa-al-kamāl

Note the exceptional treatment of the preposition J followed by the article:

lil-Shirbini

للشربيني

See also rule 23.

(c) The J of the article is always romanized l, whether it is followed by a "sun letter" or not, i.e., regardless of whether or not it is assimilated in pronunciation to the initial consonant of the word to which it is attached.

al-huruf al-abjadiyyah الحروف الابجدية Abu al-Layth al-Samarqandi ابو الليث السمرقندى

Orthography of Arabic in Romanization

18. Capitalization:

- (a) Rules for the capitalization of English are followed, except that the definite article al is given in lower case in all positions.
- Diacritics are used with both upper and lower case letters. (b)

19. The macron or the acute accent, as appropriate, is used to indicate all long vowels, including those which in Arabic script are written defectively. The macron or the acute accent, as the case may be, is retained over final long vowels which are shortened in pronunciation before hamzat al-was!.

ابراهيم ، ابرهيم ، ابرهيم ابراهيم ، ابراهيم ، ابراهيم القرد ، داؤد القود ، داؤد البو الحسن المقالة ال

- 20. The hyphen is used:
  - (a) To connect the definite article al with the word to which it is attached. See rule 17(a).
  - (b) Between an inseparable prefix and what follows. See rules 16(b) and 17(b) above.
  - (c) Between bin and the following element in personal names when they are written in Arabic as a single word. See rule 25.
- 21. The prime (') is used:
  - (a) To separate two letters representing two distinct consonantal sounds, when the combination might otherwise be read as a digraph.

ادهم المراقعة على المراقعة Ad'ham اكرمتها المراقعة akramat'hā

(b) To mark the use of a letter in its final form when it occurs in the middle of a word.

قلعةجى Qal'ah'ji Shelkh'zādah شيخزاده

22. As in the case of romanization from other languages, foreign words which occur in an Arabic context and are written in Arabic letters are romanized according to the rules for romanizing Arabic.

Jārmānūs (not Germanos nor Germanus) بارمانوس كورد غرانفيل Lūrd Ghrānfil (not Lord Granville) لورد غرانفيل له الماغوجي له الماغوجي

For short vowels not indicated in the Arabic, the Arabic vowel nearest to the original pronunciation is supplied.

غرسيا خين Gharsiyā Khayin (not García Jaén)

#### Examples of Irregular Arabic Orthography

23. Note the romanization of غثا, alone and in combination.

Allāh الله الله billāh الله الله bismillāh bismillāh المستنصر بالله al-Mustanṣir billāh المستنصر بالله

24. Note the romanization of the following personal names.

 Tāhā
 مله

 Yāsīn
 يس، يسن

 'Amr
 عمرو

 Bahjat
 بهجة

25. أبن and بن are both romanized ibn in all positions.

Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad ibn Abī al-Rabī Sharḥ Ibn 'Aqīl 'alá Alfīyat Ibn Mālik

احمد بن محمد بن ابى الربيع شرح ابن عقيل على الفية ابن مالك

Exception is made in the case of modern names, typically North African, in which the elemis pronounced bin.

بن خده Bin-'Abd Allāh بن عبد الله

26. Note the anomalous spelling مائة, romanized mi'ah.

#### SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

Special Characters	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
,	soft sign (prime)	A7
•	alif (hamzah)	AE
•	ayn	B0
Character Modifiers	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
á	acute	E2
ō	macron	E5
Ф	dot below	F2

#### Abbreviations

- C.E. = Year of the Christian Calendar.
- A.H. = After Hijrah = Year of the Islamic Calendar.
- D. = Date of death of an author (to show the age in which he lived).
- ICE. = Islamic Council of Europe.
- IIIT = The International Institute of Islamic Thought.
- IIUM = The International Islamic University Malaysia.
- r.A.a= Radiya Allāh `anhu = May Allāh is pleased with him; said whenever the name of one of the Prophet's companions (Ṣaḥābah) is mentioned.
- SAAS = Salla Allāhu `Alaīhi wa Sallam = May the praise and blessings of Allāh (SWT) be upon him; said whenever the name of Prophet Muḥammad is mentioned or whenever he is referred to as the Apostle of Allāh.
- SWT = Subhanahu wa Ta`ala = May He be praised and may His transcendence be affirmed; said when referring to Allah the Almighty.
- UDHR = Universal Declaration of Human Rights (declared by the United Nations on 10 December, 1948).
- UIDHR= Universal Islamic Declaration of Human Rights.
- UN = The organization of the United Nations

#### INTRODUCTION

Man's interest and preoccupation are tempered by his experience and environment. The researcher's choice of a research topic is, likewise, affected by his social environment and education especially by his intellectual capacities and academic background. No researcher can be indifferent to the prevailing conditions of time, or the pressing needs of his society without taking the risk of being irrelevant and/or incomprehensible. The present researcher is no exception.

The second half of this century has witnessed a proliferation of concern about human rights. In particular, there has been an interest in the rights of certain categories of human beings such as: women, children, the elderly, the handicapped, the refugees of political crises war, and many others.

The constitutional theory has emphasized rights as fundamental building blocks of the social order, sometimes even as its 'raison d'etre'. Rights have been divided into three major branches by scholars of modern constitutional law. These branches are freedom of thought and belief, education, and personal freedom. Personal freedom, in turn, is sub-divided into the right to life, right to security of person, and right or the freedom of movement.

<sup>1</sup> El-'Awa, On the Political System, p. 102.