



Sayyid Dildar 'Ali, also known as Ghufraan - Ma'ab Naseerabadi, (1753 – 10 January 1820) was a Shia scholar of India, from the village of Nasirabad, Raibareli in Uttar Pradesh, India. His best-known work is "Imad-ul-Islâm", in Arabic, a refutation of the anti-Shia arguments used by the famous Fakhr alDin al-Razi. Seyyid Dildar Ali Nasirabadi was born in 1166 AH (1753 AD), the son of Seyyid Muhammad Muin bin Seyyid Abdul Hadi. His family left Nishapur (Iran) because of the Mongol invasion and settled in India. His sons were also pious, dedicated scholars and teachers.

Seyyid Dildar Ali Nasirabadi died in the night of 19th Rajab 1235 (2 May 1820), and was buried in Lucknow.

His magnum opus in Theology (IlmulKalam) is known as "ImadullIslam" which he wrote in Arabic, in refutation of anti-Shia arguments by Fakhru al-Din Razi. His detailed work in FIQH is 'MUNTAHAL AFKAR'. There is an Imambada (A holy building) in his name (Imambara Ghufraan Ma'ab) in the city of Lucknow and village-Nasirabad, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Seyyid Dildar Ali Nasirabadi completed his early studies in India, before travelling to Iraq in 1193 AH (1776 AD) for further education. Among his tutors in Iraq were Shaikh Ja'far Kashiful Ghita, and Wahid Behbehani. Later, he moved to Mashhad (Iran) for additional studies. First, he arrived in Karabal-eMaulla

Iraq, where he studied under Aqaay Syed Ali Tabatabai and Aaqa Syed Mehdi Moosvi Sherastani and the highest scholar and teacher of these two saint Ayatullah Akbar Aqa Baqir Behbani. From there, he went to Najaf-e-Ashraf where he studied Asool-e-fiqh and Ilm - e - H a d e e d from Behrulloom Ayatullah Syed Mehdi Tabatabai. He completed his highest education and left Iraq in the year 1194 (AH). When he arrived in Mashad, Iran grasped a lot of uloom from Ayatullah Syed Muhammad Mehdi s/o Ayatullah Syed Hidayatullah Isphahani. He was granted the status of Ayatullah. From there he finally travelled back to India and arrived in Lucknow. The ruler of Lucknow Mirza Hassan Raza requested him to stay in Lucknow and he started to deliver lectures in Lucknow and initiated several

projects.

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