

Modern Revivers: Imam Abul Hasan An-Nadawi  
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## Introduction

- A lot of ulamas that are neglected in who are from parts of the world apart instead of the Arabic background
- He was born December 5 1913 (the 6<sup>th</sup> of muharam 1333 hijra)
- He was 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Indian
- He lived in the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- He was born in a small town called Takiya- northern of India
- At the age of 10, the father (Hakim Sayyid Abdul Hai) died. He was also a scholar
- He is from the chain of lineage termed as the purified soul chain which goes back to Ali (son in law of the prophet (SAW) hence he is from the family of the prophet (SAW).
- He spoke about 4 languages; Urdu, Arabic, English and Persian
- He was soft spoken
- He died in 1999 at the age of 86years

## Education

- His education started with his mother (she had memorized the Quran) who made sure that him and his brother memorized the holy Quran
- The other person who also responsible for his education was his older brother Maulana Hakim Sayyid Abdul Ali Hasani, who was himself a medical student (after graduation from Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama and Darul Uloom Deoband)
- He enrolled in Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama where he formally learned Arabic Urdu and English
- At 1929 (15yrs later), he went to BDUBEND university for a few months and went to Lucknow(an Islamic institution which also taught worldly knowledge), he got all the prerequisites to understand the Quran. He studied under the greatest scholars at the time
- In 1934; he was 20; he was appointed to be a teacher in an-nidiwa school- this is how he got the name An-Nidiwa

## His contribution to the Ummah

- He wrote about 700 books; both in Urdu and Arabic (177 were Arabic)
- About 104 of his books are translated to English
- He did a lot for the Muslims and also a lot of Dawah
- He wrote a lot of poems in Arabic
- He used to write poems at the young age. He met the Islamic poet Shad Islam Muhammad ikbar. It is said that he translated most of his poems
- Muslims were the minority in India. His mentality was to reach out and do bridging with other communities- so he was respected in other communities that they used to come to him for advice and this exposed him to a variety of cultures.
- At the age of 18 he wrote an article in Arabic; 55pages- he was talking about his grandfather-maternal side who was martyred in India while trying to convey the message of Islam. He sent

the article to Egypt to the magazine almanar- Egypt used to be the heart of the umma at the time. The editor of the magazine made sure it was printed out. From this point he was known to the Muslim world

- In the yr 1938 he wrote his first book in urdu talking about his maternal grandfather
- He analyzed his novels and poems - not only in urdu but also Arabic
- He established an association with the Arabic poets across the world starting in India. He emphasized the use of the Quran and Sunna to write novels and poems
- He wrote about the stories of the prophets- even to children- this took a lot of effort
- His book Maza Khasiral Alam be Inhitat al-Muslimeen, translated into English as Islam and the World. It focused the need to have a firm belief that the deen of Allah is for every time and it is the solution for people to live in peace and harmony. Islam should come first; no groups and gangs in Islam. Islam is the deen to take us away from misery
- He emphasized to the scholars that they shouldn't divide and make groups but should be under the umbrella of Islam
- He died on a Friday; after making wudhu getting ready to read surat al-kahfin the last days of ramadhan 1999

### **Lessons learned from his life**

- He contributed a lot to his society; he was part of the society
- Bridging the gap between Muslims and the rest of the world
- Not wasting time, make the best of everything. Use all means to become great; he was an orphan but still achieved a lot in his life.
- Jihad can also be fought using words; his books tackled many topics especially big issues that the Muslims were facing
- Always have balance in life; he was a family man but he still got time to become a scholar and contribute to the umma