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CHAPTER 1

AL-SHATIBĪ'S EXPOSITION OF THE CONCEPT OF *MAŞLAĤAH*

IN THE THEORY OF MAQĀŞID

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INTRODUCTION

Al-Shāṭibī's full name is Abū Ishāq Ibrāhīm b. Mūsā b. Muḥammad al-Lakhmi al-Shāṭibī (d. 790 H/1388 CE). He grew up and had his education in Granada, the capital of the Naṣri Kingdom. During his youth, Granada was in the midst of a golden age, under the rule of Sulṭān Muḥammad V al-Ghanī Billah. It was during this period that Granada became a center of attention for scholars such as Ibn Khaldūn and Lisān al-Dīn ibn al-Khāṭib and others from all parts of North Africa. al-Shāṭibī was to benefit greatly from this period of intellectual and scholarly richness. Among his most famous teachers were Abū al-Qāsim al-Sharīf al-Sabti, who taught him Arabic language, and Abū