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Findings

The study of the life and works of Qazi Athar Mubarakpuri reveals several important insights and conclusions, summarized as follows:

- 1. Among all the roles of Qazi Athar Mubarakpuri, his most prominent role is that of a historian of early Islamic India. Before him, no one had worked in such detail on the history of this era. He compiled a four-hundred-year history of Arab-Indian relations in his books according to modern academic standards.
- 2. He did not limit himself to this alone; he also wrote on various other historical and biographical topics. His notable scholarly and research-based works include *Tazkira Ulama-e-Mubarakpur*, *Tadwin-e-Seer-o-Maghazi*, and *The Educational System of the Early Islamic Schools*.
- 3. Apart from history and biography, he also had a deep interest in the science of Hadith and published rare manuscripts like *Tarikh Asma al-Thiqat* by Abu Hafs Umar ibn Ahmad ibn Shahin and *Jawahir al-Usul fi Ilm Hadith al-Rasul* by Abu al-Fadl Muhammad ibn Muhammad al-Farsi, which were previously unavailable.
- 4. It was also discovered during the research that most of his writings focused on the early period of Islam, discussing the Muslim society, knowledge, arts, and notable figures of that era.
- 5. One of the key strengths of Qazi Athar Mubarakpuri's writings is that he does not rely on speculation or assumptions. He supports his arguments with references and strives for comprehensive coverage of sources. If he finds a narration weak or problematic, he explicitly states its weakness and explains any conflicts among narrations along with their causes.
- 6. Similarly, he does not merely quote narratives from historical books; he delves into their literal and contextual meanings. If he finds shortcomings, he critically analyzes them with rational and textual evidence.

- 7. Another important point is that he neither wrote with the intention to promote nor to oppose any specific ideology. He approached his studies with an open mind and presented his findings without bias.
- 8. It is also evident that although Qazi Athar Mubarakpuri wrote with great effort and scholarly rigor, he did make some errors, which he acknowledged and corrected in later writings. Contemporary scholars also pointed out some shortcomings in his works.
- 9. His writings can be broadly classified into two categories based on their academic standard:
 - Research-based writings
 - Non-research writings
- 10. A study of his life and works also reveals that he was a concerned and thoughtful individual, deeply interested in the reform and progress of the Muslim community. He began his life with education and remained engaged in learning and teaching throughout. He took practical steps to promote education, such as founding two schools for boys and one for girls.

In conclusion, Qazi Athar Mubarakpuri's writings on history, biography, and Islamic scholarship are a significant contribution to Islamic literature. By extracting material from early sources and presenting it to contemporary readers, he succeeded in introducing them to a vast and rich heritage.