

Following the faith of the father : sayyid 'uthmān's son yaḥyā; on mosque etiquette / E.P. Wieringa

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Abstrak

The *Dal'il al-nashid 'an al-walā'im fī-l-masājid* (Arguments of the Seeker for Legal Judgements concerning Festive Meals in Mosques) is a short tract, written in 1938 in Malay in Arabic script by Yaḥyā b. 'Uthmān b. 'AbdAllāh, none other than a son of the renowned Batavian mufti Sayyid 'Uthmān (1822-1914). Protesting against the (in his view) *bid'a* (unauthorized religious innovation) of organizing festive meals in mosques, he felt it his duty to try to stop his co-religionists from doing wrong. Not being a theologian himself, his pamphlet is basically a tissue of quotations drawn from the prolific work of his well-known father.