***Imam malik great scholar of hadith***

Imam Malik was one of the most respected scholars of Fiqh also known as Imam Darl Hidjra . His great grandfather Abi Aamer , who was from Yemen , embraced Islam in 2AH and migrated to Madinah . He participated in all the battles alongside the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) except the battle of Badr . Malik was born near Madinah in 93AH. He received his education in Madinah and contacted about 900 scholars for collecting Hadiths . He acquired a great amount of knowledge from the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him ).

He mastered the science of Hadith at the age of 17 and began to issue Fatwa after 70 scholars confirmed his eligibility for the purpose . He collected over 100.000 Hadiths written by his hand.

Imam Abu Hanifa met Imam Malik and recognized his scholarship . Imam Shafie was a disciple of Imam Malik . Imam Malik was the first to compile an authentic book of Hadith named « Al-Muwatta ». It contained 1.720 Hadiths . The book was approved by 70 scholars and thus called Muwatta (The Approved ) . Many commentaries have been written on the book . Imam Shafie ,who was one of Malik’s students for nine years , said : Imam Malik is like a star among scholars ».Imam Malik memorized the quran in his youth and studied famous scholars like Hisham ibn Urwah , Ibn Shihab Al-Zuhri and Imam Jafar Al Sadiq , the descendenant of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

He served and protected the science of Hadith for over 70 years in Madinah and expird at the age of 87 . He was so attached to the city of the Prophet (peace be upon him) that he performed Haj only once and never went outside the city.His jurisprudence was later developed into the Maliki School of Thought , which was promoted in Morocco , Algeria and Spain .

Imam Malik compiled Al-Muwatta in the course of 40 years , having started with 10.000 narrations until he reduced them to their present number . Imam Bukhari said that the most authentic chain of transmission of Hadith is called Silsalat Adahabia ( Golden Chain ) which has only three links : Malik from Nafi from Ibn Umar and then from the Holly Prophet (peace be upon him ).There are 80 narrations with this chain in this book .

Imam Malik fell ill and died on 14th of Rabiul Awwal 179 AH . Emir of Madinah Abdul Aziz Ibn Muhammed Ibn Ibraheem led his funeral prayers . He was buried in El Baqii .