



# QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET





1

Categorize the narrators of Ahadith from whom Imam Al Bukhari narrated his Ahadith.

### ANSWER

The narrators from whom Imam Al Bukhari narrated Ahadith can be divided into five categories –

i

Shuyukh who narrated Ahadith directly from the Taba'een (followers)

Some of the Shuyukh of Imam Al Bukhari (like Muhammad ibn Abdullah Al Ansari) had taken Ahadith directly from the Taba'een, so the chain of narrators would be – Imam Al Bukhari, from his Shaykh, from the Taba'ee, from the Sahaabi, from the Prophet (pbuh).

ii

Shuyukh who narrated Ahadith from Taba'een Ghair Thiqah (not trustworthy) in Hadith

These Shuyukh (like Adam ibn Abi Iyas) were from the same era as the ones mentioned in category 1, but they did not take directly from the Kibaar Taba'een (great followers), but instead they took Ahadith from those who were Ghair Thiqah (not trustworthy) in Hadith.



**iii** Shuyukh who narrated Ahadith from Taba' Taba'een (followers of the followers)

Shuyukh (like Sulaiman Ibn Harb), they are from the ones who did not meet the Taba'een, but met and narrated from the Kibaar Taba' Taba'een (senior people in the era of the followers of the followers).

Imam Al Bukhari too comes in this category of Shuyukh.

**iv** His friends

They were his friends, but older than him or they had heard along with him. He would take from them some of the narrations that he himself had missed. So, he had taken from somebody who was equal to him.

**v** His students

They were students of knowledge, who were his students. He even narrated from them sometimes because there were things which he had missed, and also as an implementation for the saying of Waki': "The Imam will not be an Imam, the scholar will not be a scholar unless he takes from those who are above him (Shuyukh), and equal to him (mates and friends) and below him (students)."



2

What could be the reason for Imam Al Bukhari including unauthentic Ahadith in his book 'Al Adab Al Mufrad'?

### ANSWER

Among the reasons for Imam Al Bukhari including unauthentic Ahadith in his book 'Al Adab Al Mufrad' are:

- i The purpose of this book was to include Ahadith related to the topic of manners.
- ii Some of the scholars are of the opinion that Da'eef (unauthentic) Ahadith with supporting chain of narrations can be used if they fulfil certain conditions:
  - a. The chain of narrators does not include a narrator who is a liar.
  - b. The Hadith does not talk about a new principle or a prescribed punishment or Halaal or Haraam.
  - c. Hadith is related to Fadhailul A'maal (virtues of the deeds) already established by authentic Ahadith.



3

Give an example about Imam Al Bukhari's trustworthiness.

### ANSWER

An example from Imam Al Bukhari's life about his trustworthiness could be when he had some merchandise with him that he wanted to sell.

He had some merchants approach him during the night and agreed to buy the merchandise at the specified rate (wherein Imam Al Bukhari had a profit margin of 5000). Imam Al Bukhari was pleased with their offer and asked them to return the next day, because it was already night. On the following day, he had other merchants come up to him and offering much higher profit margins, but he refused them because he had already made the intention to sell the merchandise to the merchants who had visited him last night.

This incident shows the truthfulness and trustworthiness of Imam Al Bukhari, because even though he knew that no one knew about his intention except Allah (swt), he kept true to it rather than running after higher profits.

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