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This publication is dedicated to my good
friend who recommended this work for translation.

May Allah reward him with the best of
this world and the next. Ameen

- Yahya Batha -

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Introduction

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى أَشْرَفِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

In the name of Allah,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
Benedictions and peace upon the most noble of
prophets and messengers, our master Muḥammad,
and upon his family and companions

AL-MAWĀ'IZ FĪ AL-AḤĀDĪTH AL-QUḌSIYYAH

THE TITLE OF THIS treatise by Imam Abū Ḥāmid Muḥammad al-Ghazālī (505 AH/1111 CE) is *al-Mawā'iz fī al-Aḥādīth al-Quḍsiyyah*, or *Counsels from Divine Narrations*. It is a collection of thirty-eight hadiths likely intended to fulfil the purpose of a statement attributed to the Prophet ﷺ about the merits of collecting forty hadith: 'Whosoever from my community preserves forty hadith regarding religious matters, Allah will raise him on the Day of Resurrection among those with understanding (*fuqahā*) and the scholars (*ulamā*)'.¹ Abū Darda's ﷺ variation includes that the Prophet ﷺ also said, 'I will be an intercessor and a witness for him.'

Imam an-Nawawī noted that this hadith is graded weak, however,

1 Abū Nu'aym, *Hilyah*, 4:189; Bayhaqī, *Shu'ab* (1596).