

Imaam Yahya ibn Ma'een (rahmatullahi alaih)

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Imam Yahya ibn Ma'een (rahmatullahi alaih) (passed away 233 A.H.) was a famous saint, Muhaddith and expert of Rijal (critical analysis of the narrators of ahadeeth). He taught Imam Bukhari (rahmatullahi alaih) and other muhadditheen, and Imam Bukhari (rahmatullahi alaih) has the following to say about him, **“I have never seen myself belittled (in terms of knowledge) in front of anyone other than Yahya ibn Ma'een (rahmatullahi alaih).”**

This same Yahya ibn Ma'een (rahmatullahi alaih) attests to the great calibre of Imam Abu Haneefah (rahmatullahi alaih) and says, **“He is thiqa (reliable) and trustworthy and I have never heard anyone who regards him to be a weak narrator.”** [Umdatul Qaari, volume 3, page 66]

He also mentioned that the best fiqh in his estimation is that of Imaam Abu Haneefah (rahmatullahi alaih).

[Towards Understanding Taqleed, page 306]