

The «أَلْ» in أَبُو الْحَسَنِ ، أَبُو الْقَاسِمِ

Question

Assalaamu Alaikum

My question is related to the lesson on the different types of
أَلْ.

Why is the أَلْ sometimes added to a name when used with
'Abuu?

e.g. Why is someone called

أَبُو الْحَسَنِ

not أَبُو حَسَنِ

or أَبُو الْقَاسِمِ

not أَبُو قَاسِمِ ؟

Sometimes I have seen it written both ways, with and without
أَلْ .

Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim حَفِظَهُ اللهُ replied (quote):

وعليكم السلام

I have mentioned in the lesson that the definite article «الْ» may be added to a proper name to suggest that he possesses the quality that the word literally means, e.g.

الْعَبَّاسُ.

The proper names الْحَسَنُ and الْحُسَيْنُ are instances of this phenomenon.

But in the case of the names of the two sons of "Aliyy

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ, the definite article is almost always used with them.

But there are others with these names who have their names without «الْ», e.g.:

حُسَيْنُ الْمُعَلَّمِ in al-Bukhaariyy, كِتَابُ الْإِيمَانِ : 7

(end reply)

Admin.'s note : See the beneficial lesson: **Grammar Lesson 5**, أَنْوَاعُ «الْ»
The Different Types of Al-.