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Abu Nuâ
 aym al-Fadl ibn Dukayn, the great Hafiz and Shaykh of Islam, was a partner of Abd al-Salam ibn Harb al-Malaaâ
 i. They ran a shop in Kufa selling fabrics and other goods, as was common among many early scholars who relied on their own earnings for sustenance (10/142).

Ahmad ibn Mansur al-Ramadi said: â I went out with Ahmad (ibn Hanbal) and Yahya (ibn Maâ in) to Abd al-Razzaq as their servant. When we returned to Kufa, Yahya ibn Maâ in said, â I want to test Abu Nuâ aym.â Ahmad said, â Do not do so; the man is trustworthy.â Yahya replied, â I must.â He took a piece of paper and wrote thirty hadiths, placing at the head of every ten a hadith that was not from Abu Nuâ aymâ s narrations. They then went to Abu Nuâ aym, who came out and sat on a clay bench. Ahmad ibn Hanbal sat him on his right, Yahya on his left, and I sat below the bench.

Yahya took out the paper and read ten hadiths to him. When he reached the eleventh, Abu  $Nu\hat{a}_{\square}$  aym said,  $\hat{a}_{\square}$  This is not from my narrations; strike it out. $\hat{a}_{\square}$  He then read the second set of ten, and Abu  $Nu\hat{a}_{\square}$  aym remained silent until the second hadith, when he said,  $\hat{a}_{\square}$  This is not from my narrations; strike it out. $\hat{a}_{\square}$ 

When he read the third set and reached the third hadith, Abu Nuâ aymâ s expression changed, and his eyes turned red. He turned to Yahya and said, â As for this one (pointing to Ahmad), his piety is too great to do such a thing. As for this one



(pointing to me), I am too insignificant for him to do this to. But this is your doing, O
wrongdoer!â  ☐ He then kicked Yahya with his foot, throwing him off the bench, stood up,
and went inside his house. Ahmad ibn Hanbal said to Yahya, â  Did I not warn you and
tell you that he is reliable?â ☐ Yahya replied, â ☐ By Allah, his kick is more beloved to
me than this entire journey.'â⊞
From al-Husayn ibn Amr al-Anqazi, who said: â∏ A man knocked on Abu Nuâ∏ aymâ
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□ Abu Nuâ     □ aym asked, â     □ Who is â     □ meâ     □ ?â     □ The man said, â     □ A man
from the children of Adam.â∏ Abu Nuâ∏ aym came out, kissed him, and said, â∏
Welcome! I did not think anyone from this lineage remained.'â□
Abu Nuâ∏ aym said: â∏ I often marvel at Aishaâ∏ s statement, â∏ Those who
provided for us have passed away.â∏ But I say:
â∏ The people have gone, leaving us behind,
Among the worst of humankind.
We count them as part of our number,
But when examined, they are not people.
Whenever I seek something from them,
They preempt me with despair before I even ask.
They weep for me until I wish
I could escape from them unscathed.'â∏
(Siyarul Aâ∏ laamin Nubalaa: 10/142)

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