

Khalifa Ali bin Abu Talib - Similes of Ali

Handle of the grinding stone

When Abu Bakr became the Caliph, Ali held that Abu Bakr had assumed the mantle of the caliphate forcibly while he knew that he (Ali) was as essential for the caliphate as the handle is necessary for moving the grinding stone.

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