

An Excerpt from Ibn Khazzam's Art of Furusiyya



NOW THE MILITARY MANEUVER AND WHAT COMES AFTER IT; A BRANCHING OF ALL THE MANEUVERS

Next comes the *Bunood*³ and *Tasareeh*⁴ which are seventy-two *Bands*, the **first** of them is a Military *Band*: [one] holds the lance in his right hand and moves to the left then to the right, and throws the head of the lance to his back on the right and then moves it –and like this succeeds— and releases to the end of the lance then he holds on to the *qarboos*⁵ and stabs back and forth, in and out, then move [the horse] left with a *Zandyiah*⁶⁷. **The Second Band** is the band of Ali may Allah honour his face: twist *Hamaili*⁸ on the right shoulder, hold it tight [in both hands] with a grip like a hawk⁹, in and out with *tasreeh* and a *Zandyiah*.¹⁰ **The third Band** is the *Band* of Hamzah may Allah be pleased with him, hold on to the *qarboos* and stab back and forth and throw the lance to the back of the right shoulder and move it to the left and do a *Zandyiah*.¹¹ **The forth Band** is the *Band* of Khalid may Allah be pleased with him: stab and hold on to the *qarboos* heroically¹², take [the spear] to the front by three rings and throw it left and get back with *Zandyiah*.¹³ **The fifth Band** is the *Jahilyiat Band*¹⁴: *Hamaili* on the right shoulder, and get back uncovering, then get under the armpit and hold on to the *qarboos*, and stab in and out and throw to the left and a *Zandyiah*¹⁵. The sixth is the perfection band: stick¹⁶ to the front and deliver [the spear] to the left on your left shoulder, then strike upward¹⁷ and hold on to the cantle and stab out and in and throw to the left and a *Zandyiah*¹⁸. The seventh is the stirrup *Band*: stick to the front leaning on the right and wheel to the right with an upward strike, then wheel left, holding to the cantle and stabbing and throwing to the left and a *Zandyiah*¹⁹. The eighth is the Neckless *Band*: stick to the front, and wheel left and take a *Zandyiah*.

THE NINTH BAND IS LIKE THE SEVENTH WITH THE ADDITION OF A LEFT WHEEL¹

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