

Mahmud ibn Hussayn ibn Muhammad al-Kashgari (Uyghur: ﻣﺎﮬﻤﯘﺩ ﺑﯩﻦ ﮬﯘﺳﺴﺎﻳﻦ ﺑﯩﻦ ﻣﯘﮬﻤﻤﺎﺩ ﺍﻟﻜﺎﺷﮕﺎﺭﯨ)
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Mehmud Qeshqiri, Turkish:

Kaşgarlı Mahmut

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His father, Hussayn, was the mayor of Barsgan and related to the Qara-Khanid (Karahanlı) ruling dynasty. His mother, Bibi Rābiy'a al-Basrī, was of Arab origin.

Al-Kashgari studied the Turkic dialects of his time and wrote the first comprehensive dictionary of Turkic languages, the ***Dīwānu l-Luġat al-Turk*** (Arabic: "Compendium of the languages of the Turks") in 1072. It was intended for use by the Caliphs of Baghdad, the new, Arabic allies of the Turks. Mahmud Kashgari's comprehensive dictionary contains specimens of old Turkic poetry in the typical form of quatrains (Persio-Arabic

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), representing all the principal genres: epic, pastoral, didactic, lyric, and elegiac. His book also included the first known map of the areas inhabited by Turkic peoples. This map is housed at the National Library in Istanbul.

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World Map from Kashgar's Kashgar dictionary showing the Silk Road routes in red. Map of Kashgar

See also

- [Yusuf Balasaghuni](#)

References

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rather than a Uyghur. See, for example, Dwyer, Arienne (2005).

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: "the Uzbeks, Uyghurs, and Kyrgyz all claim Mahmud al-Kashgari, the well-known 11th century scholar, as their own."

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