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My dear Prof. Goldziher,

I am glad to be able to
give you the reference you
desire. It is in the Ithāf as-sāda,
ix, p. 430 (misnumbered 530), foot.

If you use a separate text of the
Ihya you will find it in the
Kitāb at-Tawakkul, end of
section بيان حقيقة التوكل.

I think there is also a reference,
but differently worded, to the same
doctrine in Ithāf ii, v. 32, top.

The SM has comments in Ithāf
i, pp. 32 f. and ix, pp. 434 ff.

I am sure that I have seen
other references but I cannot
find them now.

You may have noticed that
St. Andrews has failed me. The
local influence was too strong
and they secured the appointment
of one of their own graduates.
I do not think he has done any

work as yet is an orientabit.
Al-Shazzali's Qustās here
reached me from Cairo but none
of the other 20 bar. They must
be on the way. I have received,
however, the first five volumes
of at-Tabari's Tafsīr. There
is not a single sūra or āya
reference in it! And how we
are to find our way in it, I
cannot conceive. Could nothing

be done even yet to persuade
the editors to mark the chapters
and verses? I shall, for myself,
write to Emīn Hindī, my
bookseller in Cairo, and do
what I can.

If it is not asking too
much of you, could you give
me a reference where I can
find the story of the fiṣṣa
al-Dimiriyyāt, the wazer of
the fiṣṣa and shayṭān with
Saloman. I find allusions to
him in The Nights and elsewhere
but I cannot find his hadīth
anywhere; it is said to be
long. Pardon my weakness for such
details and believe me,
Yours faithfully,
Venman B. Macdonald.