

Levantine Arabic transcript:

القدس

أنس: مَدِينَةُ الْقُدْسِ مِنْ أَجْمَلِ الْمَدَنِ فِي الْعَالَمِ. مَدِينَةُ الْقُدْسِ بَتَشْمَلِ الدِّيَانَاتِ الثَّلَاثَةَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، إِلَيَّ هِيَ الْإِسْلَامُ، وَالْمَسِيحِيَّةُ، وَالْيَهُودِيَّةُ. فِي الْقُدْسِ فِي عَنَا إِلَيَّ هِيَ الْحَرَمُ الشَّرِيفُ، فِي كَنِيسَةِ الْقِيَامَةِ، فِي الْمَسْجِدِ الْأُمَوِيِّ، وَكَثِيرِ أَمَاكِنَ يَعْنِي بَتَسْتَحِقُّ إِنْو الْإِنْسَانَ يَزُورُهَا فِي مَدِينَةِ الْقُدْسِ. مَدِينَةُ الْقُدْسِ، عَلَى مَرِّ السَّنِينِ، كَانَتْ يَعْنِي مِنْ أَجْمَلِ الْمَدَنِ مِنْ حَيْثُ الزَّخْرَفَاتِ، وَمِنْ حَيْثُ الْبِنَاءِ وَالتَّشْيِيدِ إِلَيَّ كَانَتْ فِي مَدِينَةِ الْقُدْسِ.

English translation:

Anas: The city of Jerusalem is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The city is home to the three major religions on earth, which are Islam, Christianity and Judaism. In Jerusalem we have the Noble Sanctuary [Temple Mount]; there's the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; there's the Ummayyad mosque, and many other places worth visiting. Over the years Jerusalem became one of the most beautiful [cities] in the world, because of all the tiling, building and [speaker uses another word for "building"] that went on there.

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