

Allah who gave me this *kunya*". This incident proves that the prohibition was abrogated since hadith in which the Prophet May Peace and Blessing be Upon Him prohibited the usage of *kunya* was prior to the one in which he gave permission for its usage; hence the permission coming after the prohibition abrogate it.⁵⁴

Tirmidzi was born in *Bughi* in the year 209 A.H (824 CE). He belonged to the *Banu Sulaym* tribe, hence he was called *Sulami*. His native town *Bugh* is a few miles from Tirmidzi and is considered a suburb of Tirmidz. Therefore he was known as Tirmidzi and *Bughi*, both places being in Khurasan, which is presently a province in North Eastern Iran, and it is with the *nisba* (linking him to his place of origin) Tirmidzi, that he is well known.⁵⁵ The aforementioned biographer of Tirmidzi does not mention any details of his parents. Likewise, no mention is made of Tirmidzi's early life or occupation.

Tirmidzi was a man of strong memory. James Robson mentions an interesting story which illustrates his power of committing traditions to memory. Once on the way to Mecca, Tirmidzi met expert man of hadith from whose traditions he had previously copied out two parts. Thinking he had these notes with him, he questioned the scholar of hadiths about the traditions, which he had noted, but discovered that instead of his notes, he had brought some blank sheets of paper. Nonetheless he continued his questions with these sheets in his hand, and after a while the scholar of

⁵⁴ M. Abdurrahman, *Studi Ilmu Hadist*, (Jogjakarta: Teras)104-105

⁵⁵ Muhammad Muhammad Abu Zahwa, *al-Hadits wa al-Muhadditsun* (Mesir: Maktabah Misr)

Collected by ad-Daruquthni saying: Muhammad Ibn Hamdawaih al-Marwazi narrated to us saying Abdullah Ibn Hammad al-amuly narrated to us saying Abdul Malik Ibn Maslamah narrated to me al-Mughirah ibn Abdirrahman from Musa ibn Uqbah from Nafi' from Ibnu 'Umar said that Prophet PBUH said: (don't read the view of Koran verses when you get menstruation or "junub").

