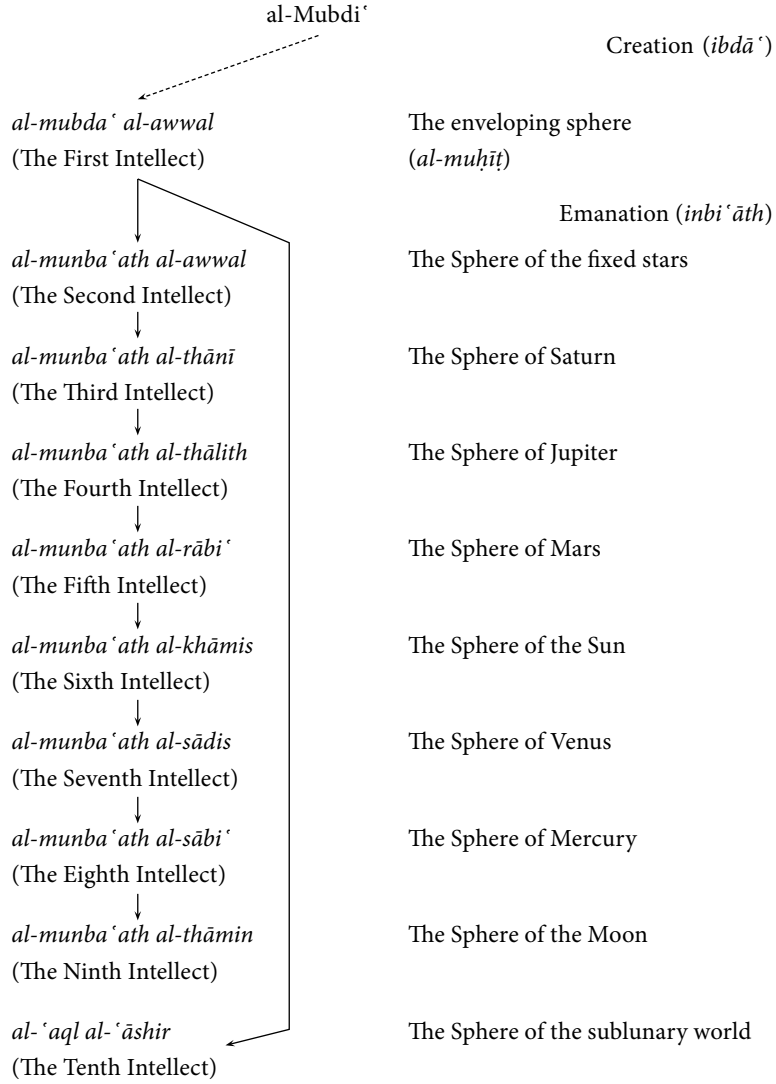


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2. *The Intellects and the celestial spheres*<sup>58</sup>



*Rāḥat al-'aql* does not make clear the hierarchical rank of the potential Intellect which proceeds from the first simultaneously with the second. Probably it is to be identified with the tenth Intellect, as it operates as the demiurge of our material, sublunary world. Later Ismā'īlī interpretations of *Rāḥat al-'aql* – for instance by the Yemenite Ṭayyibī author Ibrāhīm b. al-Ḥusayn al-Ḥāmidī (d. 557/1162) in his *Kitāb Kanz al-Walad* – state that the potential Intellect was originally the third, but emanating si-

58. Al-Kirmānī, *Rāḥat al-'aql*, p. 256.