

Recognizing and Explaining the Sources of Life of Imam Riḍā (as)

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Abstract

Imamology is one of the most important issues of Shiites and one of the most important issues of Shiite society. Shiite Imams have played a significant and very important and irreplaceable role in the religious and political events and issues of the Islamic society throughout the history of Islam. Recognition of the position of Shiite Imams in Muslim societies in different eras and the personal, social, political dimensions and personality of those Imams in different centuries has led to various social and political discourses. Accordingly, recognizing and explaining the sources that can pave the way for acquiring knowledge of the life and manners and traditions of the Imams (as) is of great importance, and it can be a shining light for the believers of the tradition of the pure Imams (as). This approach first deals with the relationship between religion and politics, and in the next step clarifies the type of government and its structure in Muslim societies, especially Shiites. This study seeks to identify and explain the life sources of Imam Riḍā (as) using the library method and descriptive-analytical method. The result of this research indicates that the life of Imam Riḍā (as) has been reflected in various sources including: general history books, books of hadith, Arabic and Persian poems, prayer books, geographical books, travelogues and new researches.

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