

Ali ibn Ja'far's Report from Imam Riḍā (as) about the Verdict of a Natural Apostate

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Abstract

Well-known Imami jurists do not consider the repentance of a natural apostate permissible; at the same time, they give a fatwa not to accept his repentance. In contrast, well-known Sunni jurists issue a fatwa stating the obligation of the natural apostate to repent, which requires accepting his repentance. The narrations of apostate repentance are of three types; Some are absolute and silent about repentance. The second group speaks of the necessity of repentance. The third part is the narrations that speak about the impermissibility of the repentance of a natural apostate. This third part, the main documentary, is the cause of restricting the absolute narrations and also carrying the narrations of the obligation of repentance to non-natural apostates. The most important narration in the third part, which is acceptable both in terms of document and meaning, is the narration of Ali ibn Ja'far from Imam Riḍā (as). Therefore, considering the importance of the issue of execution of natural apostate and its controversial nature in criminal and criminal societies, its analysis and evaluation seems necessary. According to the findings of this study, which is comparatively descriptive-analytical, this narration cannot indicate the sanctity of repentance by the ruler; Because it has been issued as an illusion of necessity. Hence the need for caution in killing, and in accordance with the principle of innocence, and the lack of text on not accepting the repentance of a natural apostate, the famous view of Imami jurists in this regard, is worth considering.

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