

Validation of Imam Riḍā (as) Narration in the Interpretation of Verse 44 of Surah A'raf (A Critique of Ālūsī's Point of View)

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Abstract

Narrations are the second pillar of Islamic knowledge and are equal in validity to the Qur'an. Nevertheless, some features, especially for interpretive narrations such as the weakness of the narrators, have cast doubt on the authenticity of some of them. One of these narrations is a narration from Imam Riḍā (as) that the meaning of "mu'azzin" in verse 44 of Surah A'raf is Imam Ali (as). Ālūsī, who has quoted a number of narrations from Imam Riḍā (as) in his commentary, has considered this theological narration as unacceptable through the Sunnis and consequently incorrect. Review and analysis of related reports shows, despite the fact that there is reason to doubt the authenticity of some methods of this hadith, the superior methods of quoting it in Shiite sources such as Qomi and Kulayni methods have been described as correct, it can be evidence to correct its citation in Sunni sources such as the methods of Hākīm Ḥaskānī. Therefore, the entry of this Razavi narration in different ways in the sources of the two sects, along with its existence of various semantic evidences, such as the exclusive role of man in the resurrection, the special position of Ahl al-Bayt (as) in Sharia, especially the personality, history and behavior of Imam Ali (as) Sufficient evidence to prove the authenticity and general accuracy of the hadith. The findings also show that Alusi's denial is rooted in his religious prejudices rather than as a result of the research.

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