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## Imam and Imamate in the Discourse of Imam Riḍā (as)

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### Abstract

This article seeks to study the theoretical and transactional views of Imam Riḍā (as) in the domain of Imam and Imamate through the Practical Discourse Analysis Method "PDAM".

The discovery of the essential signs related to the issue of Imamate, sovereignty, and governance in this sermon reflects the theoretical and transtheoretical views of the Imams (as) based on Islamic and Qur'ānic principles.

The discourse of Imam and Imamate from the perspective of Imam Riḍā (as) with various articulations and by creating intertextual relations between this discourse and the existing discourses in the narrations and the statements of the Prophet (pbuh) and other infallible Imams (as) represent the existence of a "grand theory of Imamate" in the sphere of Islamic sovereignty, which considers the Imam to be one who must have four attributes "appointed by God", "ruler of the Islamic society", "universal leader" and "savior of humanity". These four attributes during the eleven infallible Imams have not been fully realized due to unfavorable conditions, which will fully emerge in the period of the Twelfth Imam, al-Mahdi (as).

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