
The Reasons of Citation of Imam Riḍā (as) to the Ḥadīth Silsilat al-Dhahab

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Abstract

Ḥadīth Silsilat al-Dhahab which is a Qudsi Ḥadīth includes discourse about monotheism and Imamate which alongside each other form the discourse of Shiite thought and all are put under the issue of resistance. This Ḥadīth, in 200A.H was stated by the 8th Imam of the Twelver Shiite, Imam Riḍā (as), when he was called to Marv by Ma'mūn, 'Abbasī Caliph, on route from Medina to Marv in Neyshabur, in company of some scholars.

This research tries, by investigating this Ḥadīth through critical discourse analysis of Fairclough, to search why Imam chose that Ḥadīth to state at that important and historical time and what was the significance of it and what were the consequences. Investigations showed that Imam Riḍā (as), by narrating this Ḥadīth ratified, reinforced, and clarified the discourse of Shiite thought and he moved aside other discourse and rejected them.

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