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Abstracts*

A glance at the traditions about the "recognition of God" (4)

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In this part, the writer provides The views of some of the prominent shia jurisprudent and traditionists of the recert century, under the title of "recognition of God" in a chronoligal way.

In addition to the views of some of the contemporary scholars such as Ayatollahs vahid khorasani, Safi Golpaygani, Makarem shirazi, and Mesbah yazdi, the view point and definitions of other researchers , that have been published in recent years, such as Ayatollah Muhammad Baqer Malaki Mianaji, Shaikh Hasanali Morvarid, Shaikh Ali Mohaddeth khorasani, and Shaikh Ismaeil Mo'atamad khorasani, have also been reviewed and discussed.

In this part, the respected writer has classified the who views and definitions which have been desribed in the last 4 issues, in three categories, and has provided this conclusions.

Bibliography the books and literature made by the Sunni scholars and writers, about Imam Mahdi (p.b.u.h)

By Ayatollah Seyed AbdulAziz TabaTabaei yazdi

persian Translation by Hamid Salim Gandomi

In this essay, you may find explanations about 27 independent books written about the 12th Imam, Hazrat Mahdi (may God accllerate his Reappearance) in the Arabic language, by the prominent and valuable Sunni writers and scholars. they are all well known books, and their original manuscripts are all available.

This essay is prepared by the application of the valuable book of the respected contemporay writer and bibliographer, the late Ayatollah TabaTabaei, under the title, "The Prophet's household in the Arabic

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* Translated in English by: Hamid Farnagh.

Literature."

The translator in a short preface has provided the biography of the author, and useful information about the book.

The books such as "al_ Arabaein" (40 traditions from the holy prophet) by Hafez Abu Noaim Esfahani, "al_Borhan fi Alamat_e_Mahdi_e_Akhar_e_ Zaman" , by Mottaqii Hendi, "al_Arfull vardi fi Akhbare _e_ al_ Mahdi" by jalaluddin Siyouti, "Eqdud Durar fi Akhbare_e_al_ Mahdi al_ Montazar" by yousef bin Yahya Shafei and "al Qulul Mokhtasar fi Alamat_e_al Mahdi al Montazar" , by Ibn Hajar Haitami are from the books introduced in this essay.

A Research about the Absence of Imam al Mahdi (p.b.u.h)

By Abu Salah Halabi (985_ 1015 A. D)

Persian Translation by Behrouz Beig Alizadeh

Abu Salah Halabi,the famous shia traditionist, jurisprudent and Theologian of the fifth century (A.H.) has dedicated a part of his valuable book , "Taqribul Ma'aref," to discuss about Imam al Mahdi (p.b.u.h). In that chapter he discussed eleven subjects about the absence of the holy Imam on the basis of rational reasons and intellect. Some of his discussions have been actually answers to the current available questions and ambiguities.

According to Abu Salah Halabi a true and firm belif in the Divine leadership (Imamat) of Imam al Mahdi is a response to many questions. Moreover, in security and lack of enough supporter are sufficient and justifying reasons for his "absence".

Some other questions that he has tried to answer, are as follow:

1. Is the "absence" of Imam al Mahdi, a sign of the lack of divine kindness of guidance toward the human communities?

2. Does not the Almighty God prevents those who intend to harm Imam al Mahdi (p.b.u.h)?

3. How would be the procedure of "protection of religion",

"enforcement of the Jurisprudence" , "guidance of the misled people", and "settlement of the financial duties" of Imam al Mahdi (p.b.u.h) during the time of absence?

Can one say and claim that there is no need for the existance er "Reappearance " of Imam al Mahdi? What is the secret of his long life? Abu Salah Halabi had asked the above questions, and then has given analytical explanatory answers to them.

Mahdism in the Qur'an: the common holy verses

by Gholam Hussain Tajeri Nasab (Ph.D)

In this essay, the writer shows the firm and decisive Quranic roots and supports for the belief of Mahdism . He first proves the necessity of referring to the traditions of the holy prophet and the infallible Imams which irterprete the verses of Qur'an. Then he classifies in the following categories:

1. The commom veres,

2. The secondary verses,

3. The specialized verses recognized by either Shia oe Senni scholars, to be related to the Mahdism issue.

Then in each clssification, the verses are orderd in four groups.

In this essay just the common verses are brought, namely those verses, which according to the mutually accepted interpretations of the shia and sunni scholars and writres are about the holy Imam al Mahdi.

This essay contains an introduction about the explanation of the holy Qur'an on the basis of the traditions and words of the infallible Imams. Then he brings and explains about 9 verses of Qur'am, 50 traditions, and brings three explanatory indesces about those verses and traditions.

Mahdism and the divine traditions in Qur'an

by Ms.Mahnaz Farahmand

The respected writer has discussed , in this essay, a bout the divine

traditions such as "divine leadership and succesion" , " divine examination", " divine opportunity for the wrongdoer(s)", and "divine deterioration and punishment" , according to the holy verses, the Islamic traditions , and the writings of the interpretors, and has revealed the relations between the above mentioned traditions and Mahdism, the "absence" , "Reappearance" and " waiting of the muslims for Imam al Mahdi (p.b.u.h)".

The late honorable Prominent scholar, shaikh Muhammad Baqer Mahmoudi

by Mahmoud MehrAwaran (ph.D.)

This article talks about the biography, studies , and works of the late scholar, shaikh Muhammad Baqer Mahmoudi (1922 – 2006). there is a story given about his scientific trips, from his homeland, AlaMarvDasht (in southern part of fars province in Iran) to Najaf, and Karbala, and then his return to Qum, in Iran. Then his teachers and instructors are introduced, and some of his honorable moral and behavorial characteristics are described.

His method of recearch, the viewpoints of his contemporary researchers about him, and a short list of his compiled works, the old texts or manuscripts, which have been corrected and edited by him, especially the 14 volume work of " Nahjul saada fi Mostadrak_ e _ Nahjul balagha" are introduced in this article.