

Razavi's Debates and Speeches as a Style of Struggle

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Abstract

The life of Imams (as) was full of struggles with ignorance, polytheism and tyranny. The era of Imam Riḍā (as) was not free of this issue and the Abbasid government was considered a clear example of the tāghūt government. Imam Riḍā (as) during the era of Harun al-Rashid and his son, Amin had different ways to fight against that government. This struggle found a new way and method during Ma'mun's time and according to the issue of guardianship, and for this reason, it is considered unique in the history of Imams (as). In this period, Imam (as) was able to implement a combative style and teach his Shiites the way by using the active dialogue method in the form of debate and speech. In this article, using the method of analysis of documents and narratives, it is discussed how Imam Riḍā (as) fought against the Abbasid government by using the dialogue-based method in the form of debate (the best argument) and sermon (*Khitābah*). For this purpose, an almost comprehensive search has been conducted among the narratives of the debates and sermons of the Imam (as).

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