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An Inquiry concerning the view of Allamah Amini (r.a.) vis-à-vis the World of Particles (Aalam-e-Zarr) based on the book "Al-Maqaasid al-Elliyyah Fi al-Mataaleb al-Saniyyah"

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Summary: In this article, the author analyses the discussion of the World of Particles based on the book "Al-Maqaasid al-Elliyyah Fi al-Mataaleb al-Saniyyah" by Allamah Amini (r.a.). The importance of the world of particles, number of these worlds, views of some Shiite scholars about this world, comparison of Allamah Amini's views with them, consecutiveness of traditions pertaining to the world of particles and three instances of the wisdom and rationale behind the World of Particles have been mentioned in this article.

Key Words: The World of Particles (Aalam-e-Zarr), Allamah Amini (r.a.), Al-Maqaasid al-Elliyyah Fi al-Mataaleb al-Saniyyah (the book)

A Treatise on Merit and Demerit Being Intellectual

Researcher: Mirza Abul Qasim al-Qomi (exp. 1231 A.H.)
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Summary: In this treatise, we will read the text of the message of Mirza Abul Qasim al-Qomi (exp. 1231 A.H.) on the subject of merit and demerit being intellectual and the one which was written for the first time in the handwritten manuscript by the learned revered author. He investigates the meanings of merit and demerit, followed by the meanings of reward and punishment related to both of them. Then, he proceeds to explain the dispute between the Ashairah and the Motazelite on this subject and has brought arguments against both of them and cites proofs upon the rightful approach on this issue, the one which is related to human volition in his voluntary actions and the refutation of absolute freewill and compulsion.

Key Words: Merit and Demerit being Intellectual; Mirza Abul Qasim al-Qomi; Refutation of Absolute Freewill and Compulsion; Human volition; Ashairah and Motazelite

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Relations between Shiites Imamites and Motazelites in Baghdad in the fourth and fifth centuries of Hijrah

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Summary: There were many connections, discussions, conversations and disputes between the Shiites and the Motazelites. Baghdad, due to being the political capital of the Abbaside Empire, witnessed many intellectual and remarkable relations, differences, discussions, debates, deliberations and disputes between the Islamic sects. These open theological conversations – which continued through the fourth and fifth centuries in Baghdad between the Shiites, Motazelites, Hanbalites and Ahle Hadis in particular till the advent of the Buwayide Empire (322 – 448 A.H.) – ended in favour of the Shiites and led to the Motazelite view being overshadowed by the Shiite intellectual thought.

On this plane, the conversations of Shaikh Mufeed (exp. 413 A.H.), Sayed Murtaza (exp. 436 A.H.) and Shaikh Toosi (exp. 460 A.H.) with the Motazelites played a fundamental role in the history of Islamic thought and its intellectual civilization.

The subject gains greater importance when we take the surroundings in it with the view of taking lessons from it. That is, these conversations, deliberations, influences, etc. took place in the vast land of the Islamic capital of Baghdad. Most of the debates that transpired between the Shiite and Motazelite scholars were on the subject of Imamate. The article in front of us teaches us the intellectual atmosphere in Baghdad between the fourth and fifth centuries of Hijrah.

Key words: Baghdad; 4th and 5th centuries; Shaikh Mufeed; Sayed Murtaza; Shaikh Toosi; Imamite; Motazelite

Six Points of Research Regarding the Belief in Mahdaviyyat, Occultation and Awaiting Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

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Summary: In this treatise, six points of research regarding Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) has been discussed. From among these are: Criticism of Ibn Khaldun's View, a glance at the views of some Ahle Tasannun traditionalists regarding the validity of the traditions pertaining to Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) and replies to the false allegations against the Shias about Imam Mahdi's (a.t.f.s.) place of residence. In this part, the author talks in detail about the cellar of Saamarraa and responds to the accusations against the Shias. This discussion has been abridged from the addendums written by the author on the English translation of (Usul) al-Kafi.

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acquisition of traditions, has been accepted by the Shiite scientific society as one of the most important texts of the Shiite narrations right from the beginning. In this article, a review of the sources of Kulaini in compiling al-Kafi is done so that the expertise of this book is clearly established because in the view of the ancient scholars the authenticity of the traditions depends on its acquisition from reliable Usool (books written by companions of the Imams a.s.). This research indicates that the respect of the elders from al-Kafi is due to the accuracy of Kulaini in taking narrations from the most important books of the companions. Assessing the reliability of al-Kafi's narrations through the method of the Hauzah of Hillah (Iraq) is not coherent with that of Kulaini in compiling his book. It is necessary that while measuring the authenticity of the books of narrations of the earlier scholars, the sources from which the authors have acquired the traditions for their books, must be known and valued.

Key Words: Al-Kafi, Sources of al-Kafi, Sources of Shiite books, Methodology of the Earlier Scholars in compilation of traditions, Muhammad Ibn Yaqub al-Kulaini

An Analysis of Mulla Muhammad Tahir Qommi's (r.a.) View in the book Bahjat al-Daarain criticizing the philosophical and mystical views pertaining to Compulsion (*jabr*) and Freewill (*ikhteyaar*) and the Explanation of the reality being distinct from the two extremes (*amr bain al-amrain*)

Faheemeh Jafari

Summary: The author has written this treatise on the viewpoint of Mulla Muhammad Taqi Qommi (r.a.) (exp. 1098 A.H.) based on his unpublished manuscript of the book Bahjat al-Daarain Fi al-Amr Bain al-Amrain and has come to some conclusions while comparing it to the philosophical and mystical views in this regard. In this study, some philosophical principles based on the viewpoints of the philosophers in the discussion of Compulsion and Freewill has been discussed along with the criticism of Mulla Muhammad Tahir Qommi (r.a.). Similarly, a number of Quranic verses and traditions on which Marhoom Qommi relied have been explained in this theological discussion.

Key Words: Muhammad Tahir Qommi, Compulsion and Freewill, Bahjat al-Daarain Fi al-Amr Bain al-Amrain (the book), criticism of the philosophical viewpoint, criticism of the mystical viewpoint, theological discussions

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Abstracts

Exegesis of ten verses of Surah Baqarah extracted from the manuscript of the exegesis "Atyab al-Samarah Fi Tafseer Surah al-Hamd wa al-Baqarah"

Ayatollah Sayed Hashim Husaini Tehrani (r.a.)

Summary: In this treatise, the exegesis of ten verses of Surah Baqarah is presented which is a part of the unpublished commentary "Atyab al-Samarah Fi Tafseer Surah al-Hamd wa al-Baqarah" penned by Ayatollah Sayed Hashim Husaini Tehrani (r.a.) (1341- 1411 A.H.). These ten verses are as follows: 2, 31-33, 53, 104, 124, 143, 253 and 254 of Surah Baqarah. The author explains the important principle of Imamat through these verses continuously. Similarly, a part of his exegesis of Surah Hamd, which includes the six levels of guidance, is concluded as an appendix.

Key words: Sayed Hashim Husaini Tehrani (r.a.), Atyab al-Samarah Fi Tafseer Surah al-Hamd wa al-Baqarah (the book), Exegesis of Surah Baqarah, Imamat.

A Discussion Concerning Saheefah Sajjadiyyah

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Summary: The author begins the article with a word about the value of supplication and its role in religious teachings, human life and an introduction to the Saheefah Sajjadiyyah in this field. Thereafter, he has brought research benefits about the Sahifah and about the art of correcting the book. The author introduces an important handwritten manuscript of the book written circa 1128 A.H. by the great research scholar Sayed Abul Qasim al-Khonsari (exp. 1157 A.H.). He goes on to describe the qualities of this manuscript and its codes and concludes the treatise through his chain of narrators to the narration of the Saheefah.

Key Words: Saheefah Sajjadiyyah; handwritten manuscript; Sayed Abul Qasim al-Khonsari; chain of narrators of tradition; role of supplication in religion and life.

A Review of the Sources of Kulaini in Compilation of al-Kafi

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Sayed Alireza Husaini Shirazi

Summary:The book al-Kafi is considered as the most important surviving text by the earlier researchers of narrations. This book, which comprises of beliefs, ethical and behavioral topics, due to its strong chapterisation and

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