

A critiquel review of Shii't and Fakhr Razi's arguments on the way of determination of Imam

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Abstract:

Ash'aireh and the most of *Mu'tazilite* believe that people must elect their Imam. According to them, in determination of Imam two main factors interfere; first of all, we should notice that from "legal obligation" here we only mean "religious necessity", not rational one; and secondly, the election of Imam is in fact the task of people (Ommat), not duty of God. In this article, on the contrary, we have tried to show that Shi'ite believe that it is essentially duty of God to choose Imam, not people. Moreover, we will take the following ideas into consideration: the rule of Em kane-Ashraf, the necessity of protection from religion, the favor intermediate, the general guidance, and the principle of Lotf. Moreover, some of the *Fakhr Razi's* arguments on behalf of determination of Imam by Ommat are as follow: a) Imam and his prevention from loss, b) determination of Imam is preliminary to the absolute obligations. So, in this article Fakhr Razi's critiques on Shiite arguments will be criticized.

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