

Investigating How Imam Reza (AS) Confronted Mamun Abbasi's Politicians on the Issue of Guardianship

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Abstract

In the present study, the political developments of the time of Imam Reza (AS) and the manner of his interaction with the power structure of the Abbasid Caliphate, especially in the issue of guardianship, which according to some scholars is one of the ambiguous and complex events in Abbasid history, Guardianship to Imam Reza (AS), the reasons for the acceptance of guardianship by the Imam and his positions and measures against the cultural and propaganda management of Mamun and its results and consequences have been studied. The present article focuses on the question of what were the strategies of Imam Reza (as) in the issue of guardianship? The research method is documentary and historical analysis and in order to collect data to answer research questions, documents related to the subject have been analyzed. The findings of this study indicate that Imam Reza (AS), by adopting strategies based on political foresight, directed the issue of guardianship in a direction that not only did not achieve anything for Mamun, but also challenged the discourse. The ruler provided a media platform for exposing the claim of Shiite Imamate throughout the Islamic world, which helped to deepen and spread Shiism in the Islamic world and among Iranians.

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