

Interpretation Methods of Shiite Imams (as) in the Face of the Theological Currents of the Age of Imams (as)

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Abstract

The theological verses of the Quran have deep and precise meanings; therefore, more than other verses, they have been misunderstood and sometimes misinterpreted, and they have had consequences such as the supply of false ideas and as a result the formation and increase of intellectual and theological currents. Ahl al-Bayt (as) who have the great responsibility of protecting the religion and explaining the school, while interpreting various verses of the Qur'an, they have provided the correct interpretation and esoteric interpretation of the theological verses cited by the sects; and in this regard, they used various interpretation methods in facing the thoughts and interpretations of intellectual and theological currents; based on this, the research with descriptive and analytical method has come out in search of an answer to the question that what were the interpretive methods of Shia imams (pbuh) in facing the theological currents of their era? The most important of those methods were: interpretation of the Qur'an according to the Qur'an, interpretation of the Qur'an with the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh), interpretation of the Qur'an with the cause of revelation, interpretation of the Qur'an with reason, interpretation through esoteric interpretation, interpretation of the Qur'an using words, and interpretation of the Qur'an using literary rules. Such Qur'anic efforts of those guardians of religion also show their high interpretive status compared to their contemporary scholars, and it also reveals their great role in the methodical understanding of the Qur'anic verses in order to guide the followers of the Qur'anic knowledge on the methods of receiving its truths.

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