

## The Method of Using Narrative Statements to Answer Doubts Based on the Life of Imam Ṣādiq (as)

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### Abstract

Answering doubts requires the use of sources based on quotations and rational methods. In the meantime, the approach of using components based on authentic narrative statements to provide the primary material for the answers will be very helpful. On the other hand, the imams of Ahl al-Bayt (as) have left behind a large collection of methodical answers to doubts due to the confrontation with the astounded intellectuals as well as the struggle with various intellectual and political groups. Imam Ṣādiq (as) with a deep understanding of the audience and the suspect, has based the first step of answering on the discovery of the fallacies in the suspicion system, and in the next step, using rational and argumentative methods, he would build his answers on the premises and authentic narrative statements or self-evident propositions that are in accordance with the ruling of documented reason. This research, using descriptive and analytical method, and using documentary sources, seeks to find the types of narration-oriented sources that Imam Ṣādiq (as) used to answer the doubts. Utilizing all kinds of signs and correct interpretations from the Qur'an, the sayings of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) and previous imams (as), the prophetic life and the accepted history of the sixth Imam (as) are considered the most important sources of narration in answering doubts. The stable and rational explanation of religious doctrines by using the conceptual explanation of theological concepts is also one of the documented methods for the knowledge derived from narrative statements in the process of answering doubts.

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