



Abstracts

A Study on Kuffars' (infidels) Entry into the Shrines of Imams

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Abstract

Present article seeks to answer the question as to what is the ruling for the entrance of the non-Muslims into the shrines of the Imams? Is it allowed for infidels to enter these holy places? In order to arrive at an answer, first some preliminary topics have been presented; such as what is meant by non-Muslims and which territories are called "Dar Al-Islam" and whether Muslims can communicate and live with infidels? Since the ruling for non-Muslims' entry into the shrines of the Imams is not possible without considering their entry into Islamic holy places (such as the shrine of Mecca, Masjid al-Haram and other mosques of Muslims); and in some Fiqh books, the ruling on entry of Kuffar into the shrines of the Imams has not been discussed independently, but the jurists have extended the same ruling for those places to the Shrines of the Imams and ... therefore, by reviewing the rulings and Fiqh reasons of each Islamic holy site individually, the conformity or non-conformity of their rulings with the shrines of the Imams is examined and the result has been obtained that there is no reason to deny permission and entry of Kuffar into the shrines of the Imams. At the end of the article, it is also stated that the aspects and conditions for the presence of Kuffar in Imams' shrines are described.

Key Words: Infidels, Dar al-Islam, communion with infidels, mosques, shrines of the Imams

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Jurisprudential study of solutions for facilitating hajj for women regarding provision of security

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Abstract

The present research studies women's problems in hajj regarding security and the proposed solution for solving the mentioned problem in jurisprudence. The results of this research which has been made using library and documents shows that accompanying a Mahram or trustworthy person can greatly reduce women's problem. Although fiqh scholars do not consider Mahram's escort obligatory, they believe that if necessary, a Mahram's escort is necessary, even if being paid. However, agreement with most fiqh scholars is not possible and it must be mentioned that assuming the travel's security is among the requirements of the person's financial competence; while, voluntary escort of a Mahram actualizes this condition. Thus, asking for escort and paying for it is not obligatory and in case of voluntary escort, the condition for the person's financial competence is that she pays for herself and her escort. However, as the organizer of hajj travels, Hajj Organization can provide women's peace of mind about security and health in caravans of hajj, by sending trustworthy and competent escorts with them.

Keywords: hajj rituals, Mahram escort, financial competence, security.

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Imam al-Sadiq's (a) Debate with the Egyptian Zindiq in Masjid al-Haram (2)

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Abstract

The present article studies and analyzes the second part of Imam al-Sadiq's (a) debate with the Egyptian Zindiq. As it was mentioned in the previous part, Imam (a) spoke with the Zindiq in the first part of debate in a manner that was best and in that part, he (a) offered good advice.

The general message of Imam (a) is that anyone who believes in the necessity of the existence of the world and its needlessness from the existence of a thoughtful designer, should necessarily have known its truth and the truths of its elements; because, no judgment would be negatively or positively correct about something before it is not truly known.

In this part of debate, Imam (a) made some concessions and adjustments toward Zindiq and spoke to him based on the type of his epistemological approach which was empiricism, and through that, defeated him and reached his objectives which were drawing him out of multiplex ignorance to the stage of conjecture and then to the stage of doubt.

Also, Imam (a) clarified it for everyone that the Egyptian Zindiq and those like him have no justification for their claim other than not seeing the Designer. Moreover, he (a) reminded the baselessness of conjecture in ideological issues and referred to the rule of 'Adam al-Wijdan ["non-existence of conscience"] in rejection of Zandiq's claim.

Keywords: Imam al-Sadiq (a), Zindiq, debate, good advice, conjecture.

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Analysis of the Hadith of Kaaba in the Qur'an and Hadiths based on the verse "Indeed the first house to be set up for mankind is..."

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Abstract

Speech and act intend to transfer meaning. One of the goals of the Qur'an is introduction of models and facts in education and religion. Therefore, reports and stories in the Qur'an, truly and free from imagination, lie or exaggeration are at the service of educational and guiding goals. In the Qur'an, Kaaba the other name of which is "Bayt-Allah" is introduced as the house of people; and it implies this truth that what bears the name of God and belongs to God, has to be at the service of people and His servants; and what is at the service of people and His servants, belongs to God. In the report of the Qur'an, Kaaba is blessed and is the center of guidance. Kaaba is blessed both spiritually and materially. Spiritual blessings of this land and divine attractions, dynamism, motion and unity created by it especially during hajj rituals is quite obvious. Kaaba is the guidance toward the happiness in this world and in the hereafter and its guidance is comprehensive. Kaaba is guidance at every level, ranging from mental currents up to complete separation from this world and perfect connection with the spiritual world. Kaaba also guides the world of Islam to unity and integrity of the community and witnessing its benefits; and guides non-Islamic world to wake up from ignorance to become aware about the benefits of this unity and see how Islam has united different diverse powers, tastes and races. The present research studies the goals of the hadith of Kaaba in the Qur'an using analytical-descriptive method based on verses 96 and 97 of sura Al 'Imran.

Keywords: Kaaba, Mubarak ["blessed"], guidance, history, establishment, the Qur'an, hadith.

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Exegetical Relation between “Maqam Mahmud” [“Praised Station”] of the Prophet (a) with “Shafa’a” [“Intercession”] with an approach toward (with a research in) the Commentaries of both Schools

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Abstract

The blessed existence of the Prophet (a) which is the ultimate goal of the world of existence is, after God the Almighty, the most superior and most important issue to know in the world of existence; to the extent that, knowing his eminent personality has been considered one of the ways to know God. Now, before you, is presented an effort and research about the “Maqam Mahmud” [“Praised Station”] of the Prophet (a). In the present article, we first discuss “Maqam Mahmud” lexically and then study its occurrence in verses of the Qur’an and hadiths and finally study it in Shi’a and Sunni commentaries.

Keywords: the Prophet (a), Maqam Mahmud, Shafa’a [“Intercession”], Verses [of the Qur’an], hadiths, commentaries.

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Treatises and Written Works about Ta'if in the Islamic Heritage

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Abstract

Ta'if is a city east of Mecca in Saudi Arabia which was conquered by the Prophet (a) in 8 AH. In Ta'if, there were mosque and pilgrimage site of 'Abd Allah b. 'Abbas, a prominent companion of the Prophet (a), as well as other pilgrimage sites and places attributed to him. Existence of these places made some Muslim writers in different periods to write treatises and works about Ta'if, its merits and blessed sites. In this article, it has been tried to provide a comprehensive bibliography of written works about this city, its general features and their importance in general.

Keywords: Ta'if, Bibliography, local historical accounts, Hijaz, Saudi Arabia, Ibn 'Abbas.

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Ziyarah in Encyclopaedia of Islam

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Abstract

The largest research collection of orientalists about Islam is Encyclopaedia of Islam (EI) published in Leiden, Netherland in 1908 by the efforts of orientalists such as Ignaz Goldziher, M. de Goeje, Martin Theodore Houtsma and has reached its third edition (EI3) now. Due to questions and challenges before it in the present era, the issue of ziyarah has been focused by many Muslim thinkers. Translation and assessment of what has been written by historical approaches and non-Muslim orientalists' methods can be beneficial in the explanation of some aspects of this issue. The entry on ziyarah in Encyclopaedia of Islam is a comprehensive entry written by some orientalists and has studied rituals and books of ziyarah in ten important places of the world of Islam. The first part of this entry was presented in the previous issue of Miqat magazine and the second part of it is presented here. Its next parts will be provided in future issues as well.

Keywords: Ziyarah, tomb, rituals, saint, intercession.

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