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IMAM ALI'S THEORIES FOR CIVIL STATE

The Study Introduced

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The Study Summary (Abstract)

This study discussed the concept of a religious state and a civil state and it had researched if the Islamic state was a civil state or religious state during Imam Ali (as) caliphate or if it had taken from both states by analyzing the historical positions and performances that were taken by him during that time.

In the second chapter, the researcher discusses Imam Ali's concept of the state, its demands, and its main characteristics. Furthermore, he highlights several narrations written during the history of the time Imam Ali (as) spent when he was away from the direct responsibilities of the leadership of the state after the death of the messenger Mohammed (pbuh), and the

possibility of how we can analyze the attitudes in the formwork of the civil state and civil society which were responsible for standing in front of the political authority's creep on the citizens' civil rights. where the researcher had studied the stated possibilities in the reason of Imam Ali (as) choice of the peaceful opposition and discuss those possibilities, then he reached what it seemed to him the real reason of that position which were the reasons that belong to the respect of the public opinion and his recognition that he cannot change the public opinion toward him. In the last topic of this chapter the researcher discussed the narrations that mention the concerns of Ali (as) regarding the role of the civil society, especially the one that relates to the supervision of the political authority's performance.

In the third chapter the researcher spoke regarding Imam Ali's state, stating in the manner he was chosen by going through the pledge of allegiance and the government's legitimacy. Furthermore, he analyzed the true reason of Imam's concern on the way that the pledge of allegiance and election happened. Also, in the second topic of this chapter the researcher had studied the strong will to establish the law state that had the contentment of all the majority of the nation which were represented by the Islamic sharia and the range of the violations that he inherit and the difficulties that he faced to fix the violations and establish civilized typical state.

In the third topic of this chapter the researcher had studied the practical performances of the civil state's level in Imam Ali's caliphate by going through the judiciary system, free opinion, and free opposition. In addition, he went though some of Imam Ali's positions regarding some of the civil rights: such as equality of opportunities and the citizens' civil responsibilities. The researcher later ended his research by the discussion of the doubts of the citizenship.

The researcher had chosen to analyze the historical ways and actions of one of the greatest Islamic heroes. Throughout the research he tried to be unbiased in analyzing the positions and it may appear to the reader that the researcher had looked to the pass in the lens of the present so that reflected its color on all events then he turned them away from their directions and he

overload them and here we have to say that Ali (as) was not for sect without other Muslims and he was not for one religion, nation, organization, or movement from the human being without others. It is for a fact that Imam Ali (as) always was never in the camp of the oppressive tyrants and dictators. He did not seek power, glory, or authority except to support the victim of injustice, establish justice and equity, and put an end to depravity.

If that was Ali (as), it is for fact that he has faithful grant in the advantage of the civil state and civil society that Ali (as) had spread to us from there in the time of his government and before that. It is necessary to investigate the past history which would be useful to us. Because of that, this study was written in spite of the blame of some people and the advices of other to not wade into a term was just born and should not analysis according to it a heritage that was precede it for centuries. Because of the fair of what may change the principal of the faith which had attained the holiness and it had consolidated in the mind of people, other people prevented the researcher from dealing with this issue when others encourage him to do so. Between both opinions the researcher had looked attentively in Ali's magnanimity, humbleness, acceptance to a scholar and ignorant, and listening to an amateur (lover) and spiteful, because all of that the researcher coveted in Imam's forgiveness for the lapses, errors and stumbles as well as the Imam forgiveness for good intention. Therefore, the researcher hoped that he got slightly closer to his flow and he slightly approached his field. The success granted by God and from God the help and the completeness.