

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LEADERSHIP STYLE OF IMAM AL-HADI¹

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ABSTRACT: Imam Ali ibn Muhammad, known as “al-Hadi” or “the one who guides” was the tenth of the 12 Imams in Shi‘a Islam. After his father’s assassination at the will of the Abbasid caliph al-Mu’tasim, Imam al-Hadi assumed the official role of his father. Known for his knowledge and wisdom, he instructed a vast number of students, predominantly from Egypt, Persia, and Iraq. In the meantime, the new caliph, al-Mutawakkil, kept a close eye on the new leader. The following paper offers a brief account of Imam al-Hadi’s exceptional leadership, including his influence in the social spheres given his knowledge and nobility, as well as his struggles against the Abbasids.

Introduction

Imam al-Hadi was born on the 15th of Dhul-Hijjah, 212 A. H. in a place near Medina called Seria². His father was the 9th Imam, Imam

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