

Criticizing the Traditions Using a Purpose Approach

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Abstract

The scholars who study the traditions make use of various measures such as presenting the saying narrated by the narrator over other sayings, presenting it over the Holy Quran, continual tradition and wisdom to criticize the traditions and sayings attributed to the holy prophet Mohammad. The present study addressed the importance of making use of the general goals of Islam, besides other criteria of inner criticize of traditions. Comparison method and methods used by the previous scholars of traditions both in diagnosing the perceptual error and mendacity of the narrator and in interpreting the traditions showed that traditions can be weakened or excluded from the acceptance scope through presenting them over the general goals of religion.

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