

Abstract:

This bachelor's thesis is focused on Imam Ja'far al-Ṣādiq as the leading figure of Shiite jurisprudence. The first chapter deals with late general history of the Umayyad Caliphate, because the Imam lived under its conditions. Next, the thesis is concerned with the Shiite movement of this period and with some extreme thoughts as well. Then it continues on to study the early legal thought of Islam. The second chapter presents available information about Ja'far's life. The main part of this thesis addresses his thoughts on various subjects across different sciences. Some of these thoughts which are still alive, mostly those which deal with Shia beliefs. The result of this thesis is an evaluation whether Ja'far can be truly regarded as a founder of Shiite jurisprudence or not and the answer will depend on individual point of view. In the end it is not that important whether we describe him as a founder, as an organizer or as a key figure, because the answer will still be positive.