Jihad from the Viewpoint of Imam Khomeini

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Abstract

The researcher in this study undertakes to study the concept of Jihad (struggle) from the viewpoint of Imam Khomeini. Jihad is a sign of absolute servitude before the supreme existence of God; it is among the ancillaries of the Faith, which provides man with spiritual self-training. The whole structure of the research has been divided into five chapters. The first chapter deals with explanation and etymology of the term Jihad in reference to the holy verses of Quran. The second chapter, composed in three parts, is an account of Islamic traditions on the subject. The third chapter, set similarly in three parts, includes the discussions of Islamic Jurisprudence regarding Jihad. The fourth chapter elucidates Imam Khomeini's views through an ethical approach by making references to his famous book, *The Greatest Jihad*. And the last chapter holds an argument in two parts from a political perspective.