

Getting to know one more time the concept of the body of believers and the general public regarding Imam Khomeini's (PBUH) political thoughts

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Synopsis:

The aim of writing this thesis is to examine the concept of the body of believers and the general public regarding Islam and the West's political thoughts and then examining the place of these concepts regarding Imam Khomeini's political thoughts and he is one of the most distinguished representatives of contemporary religious thoughts. Getting to know Imam Khomeini's view in that area helps us to understand his concept of religious rule in a world in which general public-government shapes the basis of rules and reveals his approach regarding rule and that has to do with two dimensions and one is national and the other one is Islamic. Thus I make an effort to answer the following questions: what are the concept of Islamic body of believers, general public and big general public regarding Imam Khomeini's political thoughts? And what is the place of those concepts with respect to his rule thought? Based on the hypothesis of this research work Imam Khomeini's political thought is stationed on protecting the general public (and not nationalism) as it has an approach that deals with the body of believers. And the Islamic body of believers with respect to Imam's thought is original. This thesis has been written based on a library method. First I examine concepts that I have considered and they are with respect to the West's and Islam's political thoughts and then I have made an effort to examine his outlook through a theoretical framework that examines them. This thesis comprises two chapters. The first chapter has two parts and they examine the theoretical and conceptual generalities of body of believers, national and nationalism with respect to political thoughts. The first part of that chapter points out a definition of the background and the place of these reforms with respect to the West's and Islam's political thoughts and the second part points out an examination of the views of some of Islamic thinkers regarding the subject. The second chapter which has three parts examines Imam's views regarding general public, body of believers and nationalism. The first part includes general public and nationalism. The second part of that tells us what is body of believers according to Imam and the third part expresses the practical conclusion of his kind of view and that is with respect to those concepts meaning his rule outlook. Based on the results that have been grasped from the researches that have been carried out he wants the formation of a rule based on the unity of Islamic body of believers and they are founded and they surpass the circle of today's national governments and they are founded on the basis of government and general public model. And in that direction he regulates Islamic republic's politics in such a way so that it moves and surpasses the general public-government model and through defeating the factors that bring about divisiveness he sets the scene for the unity and affinity of the world's Muslims and Islam's inclusion of the world.

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