

"Comparison of "Introversion" in the Spiritual Movement of the "New Age" and Islamic Mysticism with an Emphasis on the Seleucid School of Najaf"

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Abstract

The "New Age" spiritual movement claims that humans can achieve truths through introspection and focusing on their "self". In this idea, all the truths exist inside man, he just needs to find them with techniques and techniques, so he no longer needs outside himself and external authority (revelation and prophecy). A person who has reached self-awareness does not need official institutional religions. The principle of this thought is accepted in the religious mysticism and mystical rituals of the East. In Islamic mysticism, which relies on intuition bound by books and traditions, self-knowledge is the basic principle of spiritual conduct; Especially in Najaf Seleucid school, which has a long history of religion and mysticism, it receives the attention and attention of its elders such as Seyyed Ali Ghazi, Allameh Tabatabai and their students. In this article, with a descriptive-analytical method, we have compared and equated the views of these two spiritual currents regarding self-knowledge and its differences. The result is that the principle of the claim has been accepted by both parties; however, the Najaf school has a spiritual and behavioral superiority over the "New Age" movement in the context of the hierarchical teachings of the prophets due to the possession of various endogenous and exogenous knowledge bases and sources.

Keywords: Self-knowledge; introversion; "New Age" movement; Mystic school of Najaf.

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