



Pathology of the Study of the Life of Fatimah Al-Zahra (PBUH) and Updating Her Social Life*

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Article type: Research Article	<p>Every society, according to its culture and history, tries to introduce people as role models for the members of its society. Hazrat Zahra (pbuh) is one of the prominent people who introduced as a role model for women in Iranian-Islamic society; but it seems that in biographical studies and biographies, the different aspects of her life, such as her economic and political activities did not consider.</p> <p>According to the studies, four problems extracted, the patriarchal interpretation of the life of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh), not paying attention to the temporal and spatial requirements of her life, not taking into account her divine dignity, and finally limiting her role model to women. There are damages that can see in biographical studies about the life of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh).</p> <p>The set of these issues makes it difficult to model and update the personality of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh). Working together with income, doing charity work to remove deprivation, recommending on seven gardens and properties and financial affairs, answering questions about Islamic rulings, participating in political affairs from childhood and political protest after the death of the Prophet are some of the social activities that Hazrat Zahra was doing them during her lifetime. The general spirit that governs these activities is such that every person can follow their example.</p>
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1. Introduction

In the history of Islam, there have been outstanding personalities and perfect human beings who have the ability to be helpful as role models in the path of human development. Among the Islamic figures who mentioned as a role model are Hazrat Fatima-Zahra (pbuh).

Many things wrote about Hazrat Zahra (pbuh), but in a classification, biographies about the life of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh) divided into five categories:

The first category: There are books that have collected hadiths, narrations and sayings about the life of the Prophet and Imams from the early days of Islam and after that. The second category: There are sources that have described the history of Hazrat Zahra (PBUH) from the beginning of her life to the end of her life under a trajectory with reference to the books of the first category. The third category: There are sources that deal with the biography of Hazrat Zahra (PBUH) in a subject manner and refer to the biography under topics such as education, family, political and social insight, etc. The fourth category: There are sources that have discussed Fadakiyeh's sermon and its description and expansion, his other sermons and Mushaf. The fifth category are books written about the events of his martyrdom.

In the following article, all of these sources used and the final text considered among the content of the second category. The content that deals with the life of Hazrat Zahra (PBUH) under a specific topic (her social life).

The goal and problem in this article is the pathology of biographical studies about the life of Hazrat Fatima (pbuh) and modeling her social life. Under this goal, the questions of this research are as follows:

- What damages have the previous biographies of the life of Hazrat Zahra (PBUH) had?
- What are Hazrat Zahra's social activities?
- How can the social life of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh) be an example?

The social life is the set of behaviors of Hazrat Zahra in the family with parents, wife and children and in the society with other people. However, in this article, more emphasis placed on their behavior in society, including scientific, political and economic activities. In fact, their social life includes their interactions with others in micro and macro communities and their social activities.

The innovation of the present article is to analyze the pathology of previous ideas in this field and try to present a new formulation of updating the social life of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh).

2. Methodology

In this article, the documentary research method used, which is one of the qualitative research methods. The first step in this article is choosing the topic. I chose the subject according to the needs of society and my interest. After choosing the topic, I extracted the research questions and objectives. In the next step, I looked for exploratory investigations and research background. At this stage, I started to identify sources to expand my perspective and familiarize myself with the concepts related to this field. I should add that having a critical view is the theoretical approach of this article. In the next step, I started collecting sources and checking them. In this stage, we extracted the necessary materials and in the final stage, we categorized and organized the materials under a trajectory.

3. Findings

For a new examination of the biography of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh), the previous writings about Hazrat Zahra (pbuh) analyzed. In the investigations, I concluded that the previous articles have four flaws: 1- A patriarchal thinking has ruled over the interpretation of the character of this noble. A thought that made the character of Hazrat Fatimah (PBUH) to understood from a special lens. 2- Not paying attention to the historical and

cultural requirements of his lifetime. 3- Not paying attention to his divine personality. 4- Limiting her to being role models for women.

Historical and cultural requirements and the personal dignity of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh) do not allow 100% role modeling; but this issue does not mean that they cannot set as a role model. From the life of Hazrat Fatemeh (PBUH), we can reach the characteristics and generalities that have the ability to be a role model in the path of life for today's people.

According to the studies, these cases can be considered among the economic, scientific and political activities of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh):

Working with income (Majlesi, 1982, vol. 23: 72), doing charity work to remove deprivation (Ibn Shahr Ashob, 1956, Vol. 1: 123), recommending on seven gardens and properties and financial affairs (Rashad, 2012, Vol. 1: 323), answering questions about Islamic rulings (Majlesi, 1982, Vol. 43: 26), participating in political affairs from childhood and political protest after the death of the Prophet (Sadr, 2017: 33).

4. Discussion and Conclusion

It should be said that two paths could be taken to update the social lifestyle of Hazrat Zahra (pbuh):

1- Make the general characteristics of Hazrat Zahra's life as a model for life. These categories are such that every person, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, race, etc., can form their identity with their help. For example, claiming rights is not limited to a specific geography. (Davoudi, 2013: 25) In social life, halal income, helping the disadvantaged, defending the right, supporting the guardian of society, women's ownership of personal property, scientific everyone regardless of gender can notice activity.

2- Just as Hazrat Zahra (PBUH) had positive and good characteristics of her time, in every era and culture there are a series of positive characteristics that can put a person on the right path. Being aware of these things and being similar to them can be an aspect of the Fatimi lifestyle.

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