

Symbols in understanding the reference of the pronoun in Alafi's pronouns

One of the best Shiite books and the most useful ones in the field of narration is the important book of Al-Kafi that written by Muhammad ibn Ya'qub Al-Kolaini, which has different types of documents; Such as: ordinary document, delivery, suspension, submission, etc. One of the most important and numerous of these types of documents is the pronoun document with 1097 documents, which is divided into two types of ordinary pronoun documents (returning of the pronoun from the beginning of the next narration to the beginning of the previous document) in 360 documents And an unusual pronoun document (returning of the pronoun from the beginning of the document, to the middle of the previous document or the distance between the pronoun and its reference) is divided into 737 documents. Due to the important position of discovering the correct reference of the pronoun by itself and due to its effect on jurisprudence and the lack of related background, this research wants to search for evidences by descriptive-analytical method and relying on library sources with the help of which the pronoun reference of the documents in the unique book of Shiite narration should be recognized correctly. The achievement of this article is eight indications in discovering the reference of the pronoun, that the most important of them is contextual necessity and can be generally divided into two categories of internal and external contexts on which the internal contexts are based: contextual necessity, series of similar documents, teacher of narration and narrator which guides the narration scholar in at least 349 narrations, and the external evidences include: specification of adults who lived before or after Kolaini; Such as: Muhammad ibn Hassan Saffar (290 AH) and etc, being a document in another book; like al-Mahasin, the multiplicity of quoting one narrator from another; Such as the numerous narrations of Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Isa from Husayn ibn Ali Ahwazi, etc, narrating a person from a special book; Such as: the narration of the book of Ishaq Ibn Ammar and Al-Khattab Ibn Muslim by Ibn Abi Umayr and the non-recourse of the pronoun except to a specific narrator based on arguments that rely on historical information and the like. External evidence guides the scholar of narration in at least 222 documents that many of these documents are unusual pronouns and have been referred to them. In internal and external evidences, for example, the address of this number of hadiths was referred to. Otherwise, these evidences are used in other pronoun narrations as well.

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