The Principles of the Origin and Legitimacy of the Islamic Government from the Perspective of Ayatollah Khamenei

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Abstract
One of the important issues in Ayatollah Khamenei's thought is the issue of Islamic government and its principles. In this article, using a descriptive-analytical method, a precise and reasoned explanation of the principles of "origin" and "legitimacy" of the Islamic government from the perspective of Ayatollah Khamenei is presented and research questions are answered. The findings of the present article show that according to Ayatollah Khamenei, according to the three principles of the origin of Islamic government, namely the exclusive and absolute sovereignty of God over human beings, lack of independent sovereignty of human beings over each other and the need for human government as the channel of divine sovereignty, the only source of government. Islam is God Almighty and His permission. Accordingly, according to Ayatollah Khamenei, God Almighty, as the sole source of Islamic sovereignty, is the exclusive agent of the legitimacy of the Islamic government, and the Islamic ruler, whether infallible or the comprehensive jurist of the conditions derives the legitimacy of his sovereignty only from the divine source. The will and acceptance of the people is also a necessary condition for the realization of the Islamic government from the point of view of the Shari'a, and if this condition disappears, the possibility of the sharia realization of the Islamic government is eliminated.
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