

Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights in View of Martyr Motahari

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Abstract

Human rights are rooted in philosophical thought and understood and interpreted according to the type of worldview and anthropology. Hence, each philosophical school deals with the definition and interpretation of these rights on the basis of certain principles. Meanwhile, Martyr Motahari viewed and criticized human rights on the basis of divine worldview and Islamic teachings. This study examined the philosophical foundations of human rights in the thought of Martyr Motahari and has come to this conclusion that in his view, since man is created by God and is subject to the general laws of creation and genetic will of God, human rights also must be interpreted and means in relation to the origin and purpose of Creation. Therefore, the principle of monotheism, creativity teleology and the coordination of the system of genesis and legislation, are the ontological foundations of human rights. On the other hand, since man is a combination of body and soul and enjoying various innate talents, the two dimensions of human existence, natural talents, perfectionism and human authority are considered as anthropological principles of human rights. This study has been done by descriptive-analytical method.

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