

The Scientific Dimension in Al Abdari's Trip

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Abstract

The Arabic travel literature has an important position because it combines between benefit and entertainment.

AL Abdari's account of his long journey is an outstanding model of travel literature from the Andalus and Magreb Arabic literatures. His account of the journey presents a clear picture of scientific activities in every place that Al Abdari visited it West and East; It also reflects Al Abdari wide knowledge, and superb poetic talents. This account is an important source of information about the cultural life at the end of seventh century of Hijra, as Al Abdari started it in 688 hijri and he ended it in 691 hijri; therefore, it is considered as an important source in science, literature, and history to all who wrote after him like, Ibn Battouta, and Abd Asslam AL Nasiri because the account contains lot of important historical information and wonderful poems.

The subject of this essay is to study the importance of this travel account and to highlight the broad knowledge and great efforts of AL Abdari and other scientists to spread knowledge and learning everywhere.

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