

Rhetoric of the oath in the Prophet's Tradition

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Abstract

The oath is an old Arabic style used to confirm the meaning, and to show seriousness, of the speaker.

The Koran used the Arabic language and used the oath, then the prophet used it to the same purpose and gave it glorification, because he related his oath with the name of God, or with one of God's qualities, and he prohibited the oath for another thing.

The form of oath as related to prophet is various, the more famous is: "who my soul belongs to his hand", or: "who Mohammad's soul is in his hand", his oath was: "no with the shifter of hearts", when he endeavor in prayer.

The oath in the prophet's tradition is two kinds : the apparent and the disappearant, the is used in two proms : the first is denoted by the L , the second is denoted by the meaning, the noticeable thing in the prophetic oath is the cancelling of the verb of oath, but refer to the answer of oath, this was because prophet Mohammad was a teacher

The oath achieved many purposes like: the summarizations, the confirmation of meaning , showing the seriousness in speech, differentiate the styles to avoid boredom to the listener, and other aims.

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