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Genealogy of the Shiite Sexuality

In this article, the author examines Shiite views on sexuality, by applying M. Foucault's approach and method (1976), to Shiite sacred texts, including the Quran, and Shiite Hadith (revered transmitted texts) resources, such as Wassa'il al-Shia, Al- Kafi.... At last, the research's comprehensive sample concludes 75 Quranic verses and 288 Shiite hadithes, which are contain related and also distinctive meanings, for instance the creation of sexual being, affirmed patterns of sexuality, forbidden alternative sexuality's patterns, sexual life time, gendered public and private spheres, the power's role, and so on. In addition, the sexuality is understood as a religious concept, which as a discourse system is articulated in Bioclultural context and also has the 4 functions of Parsonsian System, AGIL.

Therefore, it is concluded that: 1) the Shia has a positive attitude towards sexual relationships and also encourages such a non verbal communication, 2) the birth of a human being, as sexual result, and its process is regarded as signs of God's wisdom and power, 3) Shiite religious texts have defined the patterns and limits of legitimate sexuality, and introduced mechanisms and strategies to protect them.