

Shi'ism in the Early *Ghayba* Period



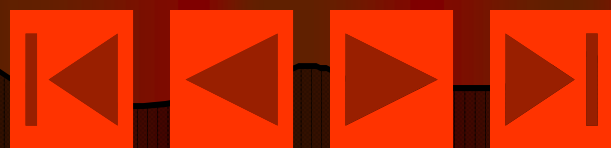
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Allentown 2004 Retreat



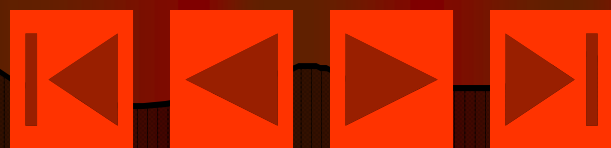
The 'Ulama In The *Short* Ghayba:

- The heresiographical work of Hasan b. Musa al-Nawbakhti
- The role of Abu Sahl Nawbakhti:
 - Proving the need for the ghayba
- Kulayni (d. 939) and his al-Kafi fi 'ilm al-Din



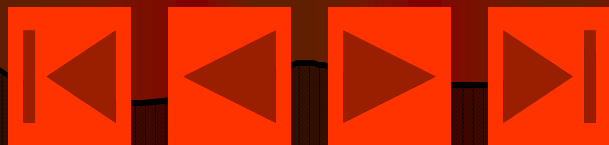
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- Reasons for compilation
- Form of compilation



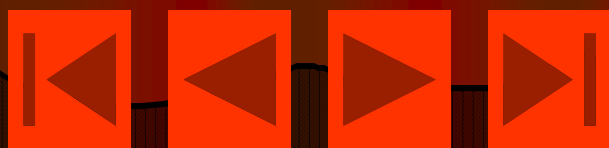
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- Traveling to collect traditions over twenty years
- Extremist traditions present in al-Kafi



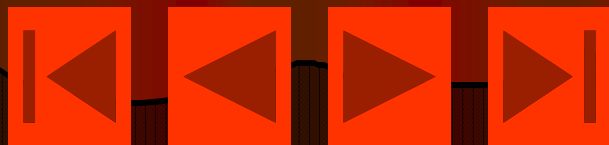
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- Divisions into Usul and Fur'u al-Kafi
- Nu'mani's *kitab al-Ghayba*



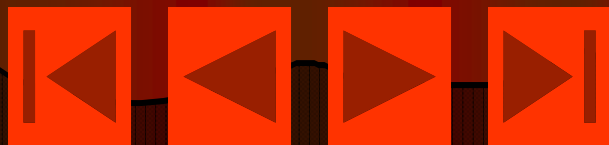
The Role Of The 'Ulama In The *Long Ghayba*

- The coming of the Buyids (Buwayhid) (945-1055)
- Baghdad as a center of Shi'ite learning



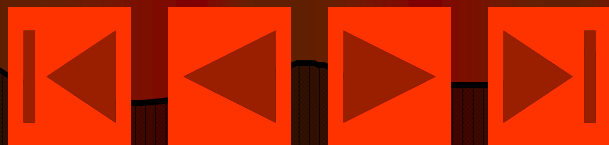
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- The Shi'i century 950-1055 C.E. –
 - Buyids ruled over Iraq & Iran,
 - Hamdanis over northern Syria,
 - Fatimids in Egypt, Hijaz and parts of North Africa



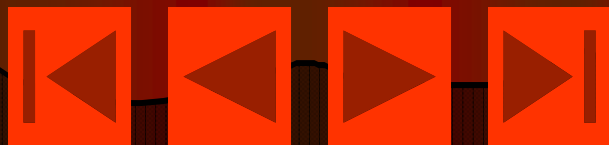
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- Taqiyya no longer necessary.
- Public displays of Shi'I practices,
 - Ashura marked &
 - Ghadir celebrated publicly



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- Response to the vacuum in leadership:
 - the role of the 'ulama

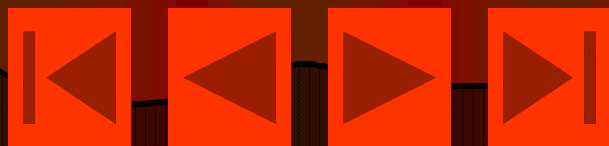


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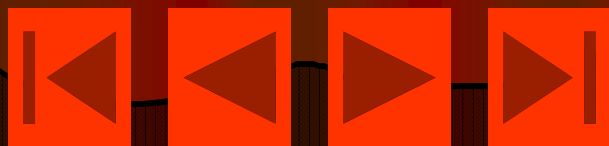
- The 'ulama of tradition:
 - Ibn Babuya - Shaykh Saduq (d. 991)

- Kamal al-Din



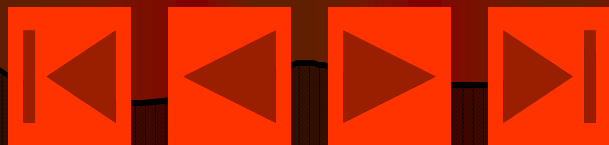
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- The 'ulama of tradition and theological expositions:
 - Shaykh al-Mufid (d. 1022),
 - Sharif al-Murtada (d. 1044)
 - Muhammad Ja'far al-Tusi (d. 1067)



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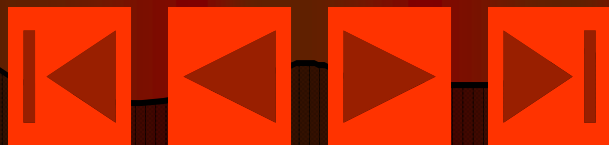
- Mufid – reponse to riwaya and diraya
- Event of the cave – diraya
- Ghadir a riwaya



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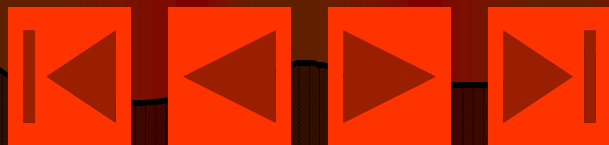
- The compilations of these 'ulama and their roles in defending Shi'i beliefs and praxis



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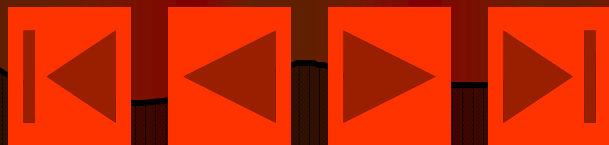
- Mufid and dream of Fatima (AS) and her two children



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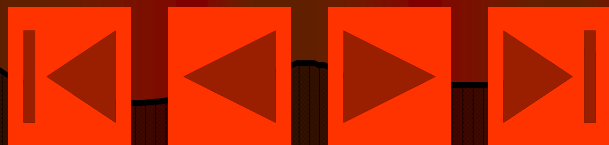
- Reasons for the Ghayba – taqiyya, not accepting allegiance from unjust rulers



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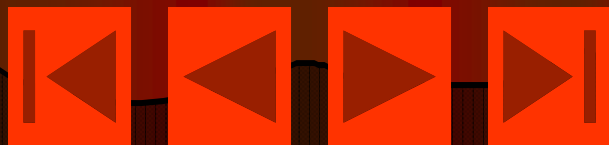
- Tusi – Shaykh al-Taifa – wrote in almost every Islamic field



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- Hanbali Unrest in Baghdad under the Seljuqs:
 - Tusi and the school of Najaf



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- House in Karkh looted, notebooks and library burnt

