

# Spirituality in Shi'i Islam

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Throughout Islamic history, Shi'i Islam has been renowned for its focus on the Prophet Muhammad and his holy progeny as well as its theological focus on spiritual advancement and closeness to the divine.

From the worship of Imam Ali, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad, to the supplications enumerated in the *Sahifa Sajjadiya* (attributed to the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad) to the practices of modern-day Shia Muslims, Professor Nakshawani examines the historical and contemporary importance of spirituality in Shi'i Islam.



Ottoman-era calligram of Imam Ali by Ahmed Hilmi (1913)

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