

Recommended Reading for SHWEP Episode 222: The Struggle for Esoteric Authority in Early Islām: The Shī'a and the Ghulāt

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1 On the Rise of Shiite Speculations in the Eighth Century, Generally

Heinz Halm. *Kosmologie Und Heilslehre Der Frühen Ismā'īliya: Eine Studie Zur Islamischen Gnosis*. F. Steiner, Wiesbaden, 1978.

Heinz Halm. *Die islamische Gnosis: Die extreme Schia und die 'Alawiten*. Artemis Verlag, Zürich/München, 1982.

Marshall Hodgson. How Did the Early Shī'a become Sectarian? *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 75(1):1–13, January 1955 [a foundational article which puts the question of early shī'ī 'sects' on a proper footing by trying to pierce the veil of later, post-sectarian shiite and sunni biases].

Etan Kohlberg. From Imāmiyya to Ithnā-'ashariyya. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 39(3):521—34, 1976.

Wilfred Madelung. *Religious Trends in Early Islamic Iran*. Persian Heritage Foundation, Albany, NY, 1988.

2 On the Process of 'Ghulatification' of some Shī'ī Movements

Marshall Hodgson. How Did the Early Shī'a become Sectarian? *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 75(1):1–13, January 1955.

Matti Moosa. *Extremist Shiites: The Ghulat Sects*. Syracuse University Press, Syracuse, NY, 1987.

W. al Qadī. The Development of the Term Ghulat in Muslim Literature with Special Reference to the Kaysaniyya. In A. Dietrich, editor, *Akten des VII Kongresses für Arabistik und Islamwissenschaft*, pages 295–319. Gottingen, 1976.

3 On the so-called *Ghulāt*, various

Sean W. Anthony. *The Caliph and the Heretic: Ibn Saba' and the Origins of Shī'ism*, volume 91 of *Islamic History and Civilization, Studies and Texts*. Brill, Leiden/Boston, MA, 2012.

Heinz Halm. *Kosmologie Und Heilslehre Der Frühen Ismā'īlīya: Eine Studie Zur Islamischen Gnosis*. F. Steiner, Wiesbaden, 1978 [about early Ismailism, but a useful general study of 'heterodox' influences on the early *shī'a* more generally].

Heinz Halm. *Die islamische Gnosis: Die extreme Schia und die 'Alawiten*. Artemis Verlag, Zürich/München, 1982.

Michael G. Morony. *Iraq after the Muslim Conquest*. Princeton Studies on the Near East. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ/Guildford, 1984 [good discussion of the many groups present in Iraq in the seventh, early eighth century who could have influenced shiite 'gnostic' thought, including most relevantly Marcionites, Manicheans, Mandeans, and various gnosticized polytheists; see 277 ff.].

William F. Tucker. *Mahdis and Millennarians: Shī'ite Extremists in early Muslim Iraq*. The University Press, Cambridge, 2008 [a great read, and a useful summary of four major "extremist" shī'ī sects operating under the late Umayyads and early 'Abbasids].

Colin P. Turner. The "Tradition of Mufaḍḍal" and the Doctrine of the Raj'a: Evidence of Ghuluww in the Eschatology of Twelver Shi'ism? *Iran*, 44:175–95, 2006.

4 On 'Abdullah ibn Saba' and the Saba'iyya and al-Mukhtār al-Thaqafi

Michaël Fishbein. *The Life of al-Mukhtār ibn Abī Ubayd in Some Early Arabic Historians*.

PhD thesis, The University of California at Los Angeles, 1988.

Israel Friedländer. ‘Abd Allāh ibn Sabā, der Begründer der Šī‘a, und seine jüdischer Ursprung. *ZA*, 23-24:296—327, 1–46, 1909-1910.

Heinz Halm. *Die islamische Gnosis: Die extreme Schia und die ‘Alawiten*. Artemic Verlag, Zürich/München, 1982, pp. 33–42.

G. R. Hawting. al-Mukhtār b. Abī ‘Ubayd al-Thaḳafī. In *Encyclopædia of Islam* 2, volume VII, pages 521–24. Brill, Leiden/New York, NY, 1993.

Julius Wellhausen. Prolegoumena zur ältesten Geschichte des Islams. In *Skizzen und Vorarbeiten*, volume 6, pages 1–160. Berlin, 1889.

5 On Bayān ibn Sam‘ān and the Bayāniyya

Marshall Hodgson. Bayān b. Sam‘ān al-Tamīmī. In *Encyclopædia of Islam* 2, volume 1, pages 1116–17. Brill, Leiden, 1986.

6 On Mughīra ibn Sa‘īd and the Mughiriyya

Wilferd Madelung. Al-mughiriyya. In *Encyclopædia of Islam* 2, pages 347–8. Brill, Leiden/New York, NY, 1993.

W. F. Tucker. Rebels and Gnostics: al-Mughīra ibn Sa‘īd and the Mughiriyya. *Arabica*, 22:33–47, 1975.

Steve Wasserstrom. The Moving Finger Writes: Mughīra B. Sa‘īd’s Islamic Gnosis and the Myths of its Rejection. *History of Religions*, 25(1):1–29, Aug. 1985.