

Shihab's Thought Of Hadith: A Critical Analysis

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Abstract

Shihab is a Muslim scholar from the Indonesian Archipelago, who has produced a comprehensive exegesis entitled *Al-Mishbah*. He had stressed on understanding the Qur'anic verses according to the context and not focusing on the text alone. Hence, this study aims to critically analyze on his *Hadith* thought. To get a clearer view, this study has adopted the literature analysis method with *al-Mishbah* as a source inclusive of various *Tafsir* and *Hadith* books as major references. This study found that he emphasized the importance in interpreting the Qur'an with authentic *Hadith*. However, there are instances to strengthen his interpretation by rejecting the authentic *Hadith* and refers to the weak *Hadith*. Additionally, sometimes he rejected the *Hadith* just because his tendency is towards the metaphorical than the real meaning of the verses. Furthermore, there is a *Hadith* which stated just mentioning translation only, causing inconvenience to the public to know its authenticity.

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