Role of Blmyan clan in revival of Iranian identity

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Abstract: Period of Samanids dynasty is of the brightest period of Iranian culture. The Samanids were the first Iranian dynasty that had tried in revival and extension of Persian language. Of their most important cultural effective elements in Iran history was the salient presence of Iranian clan such as Jihanids and Blmys in Samanids dynasty system. Blmyan clan have done magnificent actions in revival of Persian language by having two outstanding faces at Samanids ministry position and being supported by wise men.

Key words: Samanids; Blmyan clan; Iranian identity

1. Introduction

Samanid system is first taken from Bagdad reign system which itself has taken from Iran`s ancient kings traditions (Faray, 1970). It can be said that Samanids is the first reign took its bureaucracy system from Bagdad in Arabic and then translated to Persian language (Tonekaboni, 2004).

Samanid system as an efficient system became a specific role model for other dynasties after it until ninth century A.H (Ghadiani, 2005). Selecting a minister was on Samanids premier responsibility but choosing or dismissal of a minister had been determined by the army influential officers since governing King Jalâ in NuhibnNasr period (Forouzani, 2002).

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2. Ministry in Samanids period

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Blmyan clan is one of the famous Iranian clans that played an important role in blossoming of both Iranian culture and literature in Samanids era. The most specific characteristic of Samanids` ministers, considering Blmyan clan was also of Samanids` ministers, were overlooked on management and scribing (Jafarian, 1999).

Abulfazl Mohamadibn Abdullah the Blmyan was one of Nasr ibn Ahmad`s ministers after Jihani. Abulfazl the Blmyan was a wise man educated by great masters and was mastered in discourse and religious and jurisprudence (Nafisi, 1969). He was very experienced in official and political affairs and he, too, translated Kalila- Dimna from Arabic to Persian. On the other hand, simple and fluent verses of the book

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are of its advantages. In total, Abu AliMohamad the Blmyan became minister in Smanids era and on his position, he developed the Persian culture and literacy.

4. Conclusion

It seems that the Blmyan clan, in continuation of Jihanid clan’s cultural movement and the time of Samanids’ progresses, used the historical opportunity well and considering the tribal-cultural roots, they provided a scientific and wise-raising space. Blmyan clan has tried so much in order to extend the Iranian original culture. Such clan is known as one of the frontiers for defending the Persian thought and language.

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