Myth and History in Ali Shariati’ Thought

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This article tries to answer this question that why did Shariati emphasize more on myth that history. Propounding this question, the article studies the concept and meaning of myth and its various definitions and considers the myth in positive theories framework of Ernst Cassirer in Shariati’s thought. Cassirer has assigned myth as a definite form of experience and specific practice for giving objectivity to the world. The result is that Shariati who had an acquaintance with the positive aspects of myth and its imaginary and perceptual side usage in provoking the social action, placed it as a history that should happened but didn't, in front of actual history and attached more reality to myth that history.

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