

The role of Tribute and Gift in the Continuation of Iranian Celebrations in Early Islamic Centuries

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Nowruz and Mehregan as the most important social rituals of ancient Iran in addition to their ritual and humanitarian qualities, due to their economic function have continued their life inside economic, social and cultural structure of Islamic Society. Among influential economic factors in perdurability of Iranian celebrations, was the time of paying tribute. Paying tribute was done in Nowruz. Moreover the tradition of giving gift is one of Nowruz and Mehregan features which were consistent with the spirit of Islam and was a source of Umayyad and Abbasid Caliphs income, the characteristics which played effective role in the continuity and perdurability of these celebrations during early Islamic centuries. The aim of this research is to study the role and efficacy of tribute and gift in the continuation and perdurability of Nowruz and Mehregan Celebrations during early Islamic period.

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