



## JA'FAR AL-ŞĀDEQ

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**JA'FAR AL-ŞĀDEQ**, ABU 'ABD-ALLĀH, the sixth imam of the Imami Shi'ites. He was the eldest son of Imam Moḥammad al-Bāqer (q.v.) and, on the side of his mother, Omm Farwa, a descendent of Abu Bakr by four generations (Ṭabari, III/IV, p. 2509; Ya'qubi, II, p. 458; Ebn Qotayba, p. 215). He spent most of his life in Medina, where he built up a circle of followers primarily as a theologian, Ḥadith transmitter, and jurist (*faqih*).

i. *Life.*

ii. *Teachings*

iii. *Sufism.*

iv. *Esoteric Sciences.*

v. *Herbal Medicine.*

vi. *Shi'ite Jurisprudence* (See SHI'ISM. Forthcoming.)