



Capitals indicate men regarded as imāms in their own lifetime.

*These candidates' position received, in their lifetime, at least some of its force from the doctrine of naṣṣ, i.e., that the imām was appointed by his predecessor and has sole legitimacy, whether he is an active claimant or not. Possibly 'Abd-Allāh b. Mu'āwiyah should also be included among these.