
Good and Evil

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ said: “If one of you marries a woman or buys a slave, then let him take hold of her forelock...and supplicate for (Allaah’s) blessing and say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِهَا وَخَيْرِ مَا جَبَلْتَهَا عَلَيْهِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا جَبَلْتَهَا عَلَيْهِ

[O Allaah, I ask You for her good and the good of the natural tendency with which you created her, and I seek refuge in You from her evil and the evil of the natural tendency with which you created her]

And if he buys a camel, then let him take hold of the top of its hump and say the same as that.”²

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)³ comments:

“I say, there is evidence in the hadeeth that **Allaah is the Creator of good and evil**, contrary to one who says – from among the *Mu’tazilah*⁴ and others – that evil is not from His creation, the Blessed, the Most High, and that there isn’t a Creator of evil in the Existence of Allaah, which contradicts His Perfection, the Most High. Rather, it is part of His Perfection, the Blessed, the Most High; a detailed explanation of that is present in large volumes, and from the best of them is the book ‘*Cure for the Sick with regard to al-Qadaa wa I-Qadr*’⁵ and the Explanation’ by Ibn ul-Qayyim (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) so let whoever wishes consult it.

And is this du’aa (supplication) legislated with respect to buying something like the car? My answer is: yes, when its good is hoped for and its evil is feared.”

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

² Saheeh Abi Daawood no.2160, Saheehul-Jaami no.360

³ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

⁴ a deviant group with many innovated and false beliefs

⁵ predestination of things and their occurrences