

The Quiddity of 'Ujb and Takabbur (Arrogance) from Ghazali's Point of View

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Abstract



The subject of this research is to examine the nature of 'Ujb and Takabbur (Arrogance) from Ghazali's point of view. Ghazali defines 'Ujb as valuing a blessing and being pleased with it by forgetting God's blessings or valuing any kind of benevolence to others. By proposing the concept of "Idalal", he emphasizes its separation from 'Ujb. Idalal, which is the equivalent of being proud of one's actions, is praising one's good deeds, especially worship, and expecting a reward from God. "Kibr" is considering oneself superior to others because of the quality of perfection that he has. "Kibr" is a moral and emotional attribute. "Takabbur" is the practical crystallization of arrogance and behavior that shows self-conceit and superiority of a person over others. Contrary to the concept of 'Ujb, in which self-conceit is not compared to another. There are different types of 'Ujb and Takabbur. 'Ujb is sometimes for voluntary actions such as worship, fighting, charity, etc., and sometimes for involuntary affairs, such as beauty, physical strength, lineage, etc. Takabbur is sometimes in front of God and sometimes in front of prophets and other people. These moral vices are followed by many disasters including: forgetfulness of sin, pride, laxity in acquiring good deeds.

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