

Good and evil

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

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

(O Allāh, 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.”¹

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Shaykh al-Albānī comments:

“I say, there is evidence in the *hadīth* that Allāh is the Creator of good and evil, contrary to one who says – from among the *Mu’tazilah*² 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 Allāh, which contradicts His Perfection, the Most High. Rather, it is part of His Perfection, the Blessed, the Most High; a

¹ *Sahīh Abī Dāwūd* #2160, *Sahīh aj-Jāmi’* #360

² a deviant group with many innovated and false beliefs

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-Qadā wa l-Qadr*³ and the Explanation' by *Ibn ul-Qayyim*, so let whoever wishes consult it.

And is this *du'ā* (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."

~ asaheeha translations ~

³ predestination of things and their occurrences