



Bishr-ul-Khair and Bishrus Sharr (The Bishr of Good and the bishr of Evil)

Description

Disavowing Innovations and Their Adherents

The eloquent theologian and skilled debater, Abū Abd al-Raʿīn Bishr ibn Ghiyāth al-Marʿasī, was a Jahmī and held a prominent position in the state. He was known to drink *nabʿdh* (fermented beverage). Once, he remarked to a man named Kamil (perfect and complete): *His name itself is proof that the name is distinct from the named.* [1](#)

He passed away in the year 218 AH. Thus, *Bishr al-Sharr* (Bishr of Evil) and *Bishr al-ʿaḍf* (was Bishr of Good) were opposites, just as *Aḥmad ibn al-ʿanbal* was *Aḥmad of the Sunnah*, while *Aḥmad ibn Abī Dāwūd* was *Aḥmad of Innovation*.

A person declared an innovator, even if his deviation is great, is not the same as a disbeliever by origin, nor is he like a Jew or a Magian. Allah does not equate one who believes in Him, His Messenger ﷺ, and the Last Day who prays, fasts, performs Hajj, and gives charity, even if he commits major sins, goes astray, and innovates with one who rejects the Messenger, worships idols, discards the divine laws, and disbelieves. However, we disavow innovations and their adherents for the sake of Allah.

(Siyarul Aʿlāmin Nubalaa: 10/199-200)

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