

A Study of Ahmad Ghazali's Views on Interpretation of Hadith “Kalamat-o Laa Elah-a Ella Allah Hesni”

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Abstract

Abul Fattouh Ahmad Ghazali is one of the great Sufis and one of the scholars of this ideology who has left precious works on Sufism. In addition to *Savaneh Al-Oshshagh*, which is one of the most important books of Sufis on the subject of love, he has also authored another book named *Al-Tajrid fi Kalameh Al-Touhid*, in the realm of mysticism and theology, in which, he looked at the principle of “monotheism” from another perspective, and has expressed many points and details about it. *Al-Tajrid*, starts with interpretation the Hadith of “The word of Allah is my fortress, those who enter my fortress are safe from my chastisement” and Ghazali interprets it in detail by relying on verses, hadiths and narrations from different sources. In addition to monotheism, there are other topics in this book, such as guardianship and types of Saints, the levels of existence, the Level of the seeker, the attributes of the knowledge of the soul, the levels of the world of the secret and so on. This research, which is based on library studies and is done through a descriptive-analytical method, investigate and analyzes Sheikh Ahmad Ghazzali's views on monotheism. Results reveal that the Sheikh attaches great importance to the depth of “There is no God except Allah” verse, and believes that the people of the world of grace, who are among the prophets and divine gentlefolks, understand the meaning of this noble verse; but the people of the laity, who are far from God's grace, and reluctantly said “yes” to “*Alast-o Berabbekom*” (am I not your God) address, do not understand the subtleties of the mystic area. Ghazali believes that “There is no God except Allah” verse start with blasphemy but ends in faith and belief.

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