

A Comparative Study in the Interpretation of Fakhr Razi and Ibn Arabi on the Issue of Seeing God

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Abstract

Seeing God is a theological issue about the possibility or impossibility of seeing God with the naked eye in this world and the hereafter, which has been discussed from the past to the present among Islamic sects from various theological, Quranic, narrative and mystical aspects. The occurrence of seeing God rationally and narratively in this world and in the Hereafter is denied, and on the contrary, some believe that it will surely happen in the Hereafter, while others consider the divine vision from the type of intuition of the heart. The present study, using a descriptive-analytical method, seeks to express and compare the ideas of two mystical theological thinkers, Fakhr Razi and Ibn Arabi, on the issue of seeing God. This study tries to examine the existing views in this field and the reasons for the differences of views after passing over what is the vision of God. Then, the issue of seeing God in the thought of Fakhr Razi and Ibn Arabi has been studied and compared. Studies show that Fakhreddin Razi, based on the appearance of some verses and hadiths, allows the sight of God and considers it a kind of visual sight, he emphasizes that if it is not possible to see God in the world, It will certainly be possible in the Hereafter, but he does not know how he sees it; But Ibn Arabi explicitly rejects visual vision and believes that vision means discovery and intuition of the heart with the eyes of truth will be achieved through the manifestations of God.

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