

How to reply to who deny Allaah's ability to create the impossible

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: A teacher of philosophy in our secondary school in the city of Annaba asks his pupils: "If Allaah is able to create all things, so is He able to create another god stronger than or similar to Him?" How should we reply to his question then?

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah the Most High preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

Certainly, Allaah Glorified, Exalted and Almighty be He is able to create all things without exception among creatable things which did not exist before. This is called "Permissible contingent" such as the world and all its parts. Whereas, "The necessary existence" is Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*) and His Attributes which are inherent to His essence. Truly He is the Ever-Existent who has never been inexistent. His existence is autonomous; it is never dependant on external reason or cause, as it is meant in Allaah's Statement:

(هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ)

[He is the First (nothing is before Him) and the Last (nothing is after Him)]¹

This is why it is not allowed to say that Allaah creates His Self because creation is to bring something into existence from nothingness, but Allaah was never inexistent. In addition, what accepts creation needs, to be existent, a cause that affects it outside itself. And whatever is inexistent and accepts creation will never be similar to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*), nor stronger than Him. Be He Exalted above (all) that they say about Him.

However, one should not deal with such matters; this man, who wants to cause confusion, is a sophist; he wants to cast doubts and suspicions. He also wants to shake the correct creed of his pupils. Therefore it is obligatory to be cautious against him and against the Greek philosophy, its supporters, adherents and followers.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*The Exalted, The Most High*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

¹ [Al-Hadeed (The Iron) [57:3]