

## Does Having Fear of the Evil Eye Harm One's Creed?

Shaykh Muḥammad Amān al-Jāmī (رحمته الله) was asked: “Do fear of the evil eye and envy comprise the same meaning and does this harm the sound creed? I hope for clarification.”

The Shaykh answered: “The evil eye (al-ʿAyn) – and this is what many people refer to as envy (ḥasad) – the meaning is one, when you know there is a person who gives the evil eye, a person whose evil eye you fear, if you fear from him what do you do? You seek refuge in Allāh, you seek shelter with Allāh [asking] Him to protect you from the evil of his eye. This is not shirk (associationism), this is natural fear (khawf ṭabīʿiy), there is no difference between your fear of a person who might stab you with a knife or give you poison and between your fear of a person who may give you the evil eye. This is because through his eye there is a conceptual poison and it is upon you in this case to seek shelter with Allāh. This does not damage your creed.”

Qurrat ʿUyūn al-Salafiyyah bil-Ajwibat al-Jāmiyyah (1437) Dār Ibn Rajab, p.48

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