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1. See Syed Muhammad Naquib al-Attas, *Prolegomena to the Metaphysics of Islam: An Exposition of the Fundamental Elements of the Worldview of Islam* (Kuala Lumpur: ISTAC, 2001), 25.
2. Abū Mansūr ‘Abd al-Qāhir b. Ṭāhīr al-Tamīmī al-Baghdādī, *Kitāb Uṣūl al-dīn* (Istanbul: Maṭba‘at al-Dawla, 1346/1928), 45.
3. Talal Asad, “Thinking About Agency and Pain” in *Formations of the Secular: Christianity, Islam, Modernity* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003), 67-99.
4. Al-Attas, *Prolegomena*, 32.

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