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Hišām ibn al-Ḥakam et Sulaymān ibn Ğarīr entre stoïcisme et kalām : de la négation du tiers-exclu à la distinction entre « chose » et « existant »

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In this paper we study two Muslim theologians of the late 2nd/8th century, Hišām ibn al-Ḥakam and Sulaymān ibn Ğarīr, who made extensive use of the joint negation of opposites, i.e. the formula that a certain thing X can be neither A nor not A. We show how this position is in continuity with Posidonius' Stoic doctrine of being as the supreme genus, transmitted through the Syriac tradi-tion. We then study what distinguishes Sulaymān ibn Ğarīr from Hišām ibn al-Ḥakam, namely: the distinction of the thing and the existent, two concepts iden-tified by Hišām ibn al-Ḥakam. In doing so, Sulaymān ibn Ğarīr appears as the first 'inventor', in the Arabic tradition, of the distinction between the thing and the existent. We finally conclude that the lineaments of a proto-intuitionism that would blossom, a century later, in Abū Hāšim al-Ğubbā'ī (d. 933), are perhaps discernible in our two authors.