

Athīr al-Dīn al-Abharī: The First Four Logical Works

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Athīr al-Dīn al-Abharī authored numerous logical treatises in the form of independent treatises (risālah), books, or as parts of larger compendia. While some of these works have been edited and published, many still await critical edition. To date, a comprehensive analysis of Abharī's logical corpus as a unified whole has been lacking. This article constitutes a preliminary step in this direction, offering an analysis and examination of four of Abharī's logical works, for which there is evidence suggesting they represent his earliest logical writings. By employing textual evidence, I establish with a high degree of probability the chronological sequence of these four works. I further demonstrate that within these treatises, Abharī was influenced by 'Umar ibn Sahlān al-Sāwī, Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī, and Rāzī's student, Zayn al-Dīn al-Kashshī. The logical innovations found in these four works are minimal and appear negligible when compared to his later corpus, which comprises over twelve treatises and books. This very fact can serve as evidence for the precedence of these four works over the entirety of that later body of writings.

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