Al-Mantiq

Lesson 60

The Primary Predication and the Common Secondary predication (2)

الحمل الأولى و الحمل الشايع

الحمل (Predication)

- **الحمل الأولى (Primary Predication)**

  When something gets predicated upon a thing, if the predicate is upon the
  concept alone, such as "الإنسان: حيوان ناطق"; then it is called "الحمل الأولى".

- **الحمل الشايع (Common (secondary) Predication)**

  If the purpose of predication is the instances rather than the concept itself,
  such as in "الإنسان ضاحک" (human laughs), then the concept is called "عنوان", the
  instance "مُعَنوَن" and the predication "الحمل الشايع".

When a logician says "الجزئى يمتنع صـدقه على كثيرين", by this "جزئى" he means only the
concept of it which is itself a "كلّى" and applies upon many (كثيرين), not its instances
which are particular to their realities. And when a scholar of '*Usul*' says "المجمل غير
ظاهر المعنى" (*Mujmal* (Ambiguous) word does not have a clear meaning), if one said
"but if it is not clear, how are you defining it?" the answer would be that by "مجمل",
its instances are meant (by الحمل الشـايع), not the concept itself which has a clear
meaning.