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Lesson 112

Rules of Division

(اصول القسمة)

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- Rules of Division:

1. Productivity: The division is useless unless it serves the divider's purpose, i.e., the parts differ in the intended peculiarities. For example, when a grammarian divides the verb into different tenses, it is because they have different peculiar rulings. But if a grammarian divided the past tense verb into مفتوح العين, مكسور العين and مضموم العين, this division would be useless for a grammarian to whom they have the same rule.
2. Contrast of the Division: There must be no overlap among the divisions, e.g., the division of animals into humans and poets, ... is incorrect.
3. Criterion: There must be a criterion for the division, i.e., the division must be carried out according to only one aspect.
4. Inclusiveness and Exclusiveness: The division of a divided must include all its divisions and exclude all the non-divisions of it.

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