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Topic: AL-MU'ARRIF

Section 23

AL-MU'ARRIF (THE DEFINIEN)

✓ When something is inquired about by: "what is it?" the response is called *mu'arrif* (definien) and it is of four types: ...



1) (The clearest is): *al-Hadd at-tamm* (the complete term): close *jins* + close *fasl*

• What is human? – A rational animal.

2) al-hadd an-naqis (the deficient term): remote jins + close fasl

• What is human? – A rational growing substance.

3) Ar-rasm at-tamm (the complete description): close jins + peculiar accident (العَرَض الخاص)

• What is human? – The laughing alive being.

4) Ar-rasm an-naqis (the deficient description): remote jins + common accident (العرَضُ العام)

• What is human? - A laughing growing substance.



Section 24

In definitions, it is not correct to use *mushtarak* (synonyms) or *majaaz* (figurative word) except when an indicator clarifies the intent.