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Lesson 2

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Allah has created the human race with speech as part of its nature, and made the human's tongue a tool of speaking, yet in spite of this, the human being needs something to erect his speech and make it sound. This is the knowledge of grammar and morphology. In a similar fashion, Allah has created the human race with thinking as part of its essential nature; yet we find that people commit a great number of mistakes in their thinking. It has been mentioned by many that the science of logic is a tool which helps human beings correct their thoughts. If you would say: some study logic but still make mistakes, we would say: This is because they have not become sufficiently proficient in that science and have not taken heed of its principles and make errors in their application of logics.

Logic is defined as: "A canonical tool. If one takes heed of this tool, he will have his mind immunized from error." Now look at the word "tool" in this definition. Logic is a division of the practical sciences, which is used as an instrumental science to obtain a certain purpose. As such, this science is defined as a scale or measure, as well as the custodian of sciences.

Logic is like syntax and morphology as they don't teach how to speak but, teach how to speak correctly. Likewise, the science of logic teaches how to think correctly.

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