



## *Al-Mantiq*

### Lesson 25

#### The Semiotics (مباحث الألفاظ) (1)

#### Vocal existence (الوجود اللفظي)

##### Modes of Existence

There are four modes of existence: two of them are actual modes of existence, while two of them are only contractual;

- 1) External existence (الوجود الخارجي)
- 2) Mental existence (الوجود الذهني)
- 3) Vocal Existence (الوجود اللفظي)
- 4) Written Existence (الوجود الكتابي)

##### Vocal Existence (الوجود اللفظي)

The human being is a social being by nature, therefore he needs a way of conveying his thoughts and making his thoughts understood to others. Allah has blessed the human being with the power of words and speech.

The [semiotic] relationship unites the vocal expression and the meaning, making it like a single entity. If one finds the expression, it is as if one finds the meaning. For this reason, we say “the existence of the vocal expression is the existence of the meaning.”

The stronger relationship between the word and its meaning leads to understand the word more easily, that is why sometimes we use the illusionary words to reduce their weirdness.