



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 26

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The Semiotics (مباحث الألفاظ) (2)

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Written existence (الوجود الكتبي)

Modes of Existence

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

Written existence (الوجود الكتبي)

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The words or vocal expressions could not meet the human needs because they were related to the person who was present, and to convey the message to those who were not present, human drew the lines as a source of comprehending the meaning.

When “the existence of the vocal expression is the existence of the meaning”, similarly, “the existence of the line or writing is the existence of the meaning” but it is the written existence.

The written existence is metaphorically attributed to the meaning and the word because of the coinage as word was metaphorically attributed to the meaning.

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The vocal existence and the written existence are the fictious or contractual existence because of the coinage and usage.