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Lesson 74

The Five Universals (4)

(الكليات الخمس)

- The complete correct answer to “ما هو؟” is a compound of “جنس”, which gives the reality of the thing that is common with other species, and a “فصل” which is a differentia from the other species, and this answer is called “الحد التام”; such as “الحيوان الناطق” as a definition for “انسان”.
- A genus can answer the question about different universals, which are the species of this particular genus, such as human, horse, and ape are different realities and species for the genus animal.
- The question about differentia (فصل) can be asked with which, what kind, etc., and the answer will be with something like “a part of the essence which is peculiar to it.”
- One can answer the question of “What is it?” with a “فصل” if they already know the “جنس” of the thing. For example, if it is known to be a “حيوان”, then the answer to “Which (animal) is it?” can be “ناطق” (a “فصل”) if the animal is an “انسان”.