



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 30

Divisions of contractual Signification (1)

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(أقسام الدلالة اللفظية)

Divisions of Signification

- 1) **Rational Signification** (الدلالة العقلية); e.g., the morning light in the sky is the effect of the sunrise.
- 2) **Natural Signification** (الدلالة الطبيعية); e.g., "ouch" signifies pain.
- 3) **Contractual Signification** (الدلالة الوضعية); e.g., road signs.

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1) **Vocal Signification** (الدلالة اللفظية)

When the signifier is a vocal expression and from this vocal expression, the intellect moves to the meaning.

2) **Non-vocal signification** (الدلالة غير اللفظية)

When the signifier is not vocal expression, such as traffic signs.

The movement of the mind from one thing to the other only occurs through a cause. This cause is nothing other than the firm bond or connection existing between the word and its meaning, and the root of this strong connection is the contractual concomitance.

The definition of vocal signification

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“A situation where the knowledge of an expression issuing from a speaking subject necessitates knowledge of the intended meaning by that speaking subject.”