



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 39

The Divisions of Words

Synonymity and Dissonance: الترادف والتباين

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There are two divisions of words when in comparison to other words:
Taraduf and *Tabayun*.

الترادف: «اشترك الألفاظ المتعددة في معنى واحد»

Synonymity (الترادف): Commonality of multiple words (by coinage) in one meaning; such as beautiful and pretty or fair, just and unbiased.

التباين: «أن تكون معاني الألفاظ متكثرة بتكثر الألفاظ»

Dissonance (التباين): Difference in meanings by difference in words (by coinage); such as sword, iron, weapon, glass etc.

The “تباين” here is different from the “تباين” in logical relations (which will be discussed later). Here, “تباين” means the difference in words as they have different

meanings, even if their external existences may be always the same. For example, human and rational animal are different in meaning but common in existence.