



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 55

The universal and particular Concept

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المفهوم الكلي و المفهوم الجزئي

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The Definition of “الجزئي”

The concept (المفهوم) which cannot have more than one actual instance; such as “محمد” or “هذا القلم”

The definition of “كلي”

The universal concept which can have more than one instance; such as “انسان” or “جاهل”.

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The individuals of a “كلي” may practically be nonexistent but still the concept can be imagined. Sometimes it is even impossible to find one instance of the concept; such as “a partner for God” or “gathering of two contradictories” but the concept is still a “كلي”.

It is appropriate to add a completion to the definition of “جزئي” and “كلي” that is “even by imagination”.

Note:

The signification of the “أداة” is a “جزئي” concept, the “كلمات” i.e. the verbs signify “جزئي” concepts by their forms and “كلي” concepts by their substances and the significations of the “أسماء” are various.

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