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Topic: The Literal and the Figurative

Section 13

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- ✓ The usage of an expression or word in the total meaning of its subject is termed *Haqeeqi (Literal)*; e.g. "I saw the sun", intending its entire disc.
- ✓ Usage of an expression in other than its subject is called *Majazi (figurative)*; e.g. "I saw a lion" intending a brave man.

Majazi (figurative) is of three types:

1) Intending a part of the meaning; e.g. I saw the sun in eclipse.

2) Intending an outside (related) meaning; e.g. the sun came into my room, intending its light.

3) Intending something else (resembling); e.g. I saw a lion in command, intending a brave man.

Section 14

Manqul (transferred)

Sometimes a word is excessively used for a figurative meaning in a way that that meaning and not the literal meaning is understood from the word. In this case the word is called *manqul (transferred)*; such as the word '*salah*'.