



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 5

Immediate Knowledge & Acquired Knowledge

Knowledge is defined as: “The presence of something’s image in the intellect”.

When the known itself is present in the owner of knowledge, it is called *al-ilm al-hoduri* (knowledge by presence or immediate knowledge) and if not, it’s called *al-ilm al-hosuli* (acquired knowledge).

We discuss “acquired knowledge” and not the “knowledge by presence” in the science of Logic, because no mistake can happen in the second as there is no medium.

The difference between immediate and acquired knowledge

A. In the immediate, the ‘known’ itself is present in the mind of the knower but in the acquired, the image is present.

B. In the acquired, the objective and the subjective existence of the known are different but in the immediate, they are the same.

C. The acquired can be divided into conception and assent but in the immediate, there is no separation.