



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 29

The Divisions of Signification(2)

(أقسام الدلالة)

The movement of the mind from one thing to the other only occurs through a cause. The cause is nothing other than the firm bond existing between the two things.

The relationship and concomitance in signification also have a cause, which is knowledge of the necessary relationship between these two things outside of the mind.

Based on the nature of the relationship and concomitance in signification, it's divided to:

- 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.

A. Determined

B. By coinage