



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 43

The Divisions of Words (3)

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تقسيمات الألفاظ (أقسام التباين)

Two different words “متخالفان”: They can be predicated upon one thing at the same time, from the same aspect if they are adjectives; such as sugar is white and sweet but this commonality is not taken into consideration here.

Two opposite words “متقابلان”: They oppose each other and they cannot get together in one thing, at the same time and from the same aspect; such as existent and non-existent, white and black, father and son, or warm and cold.

There are three constraints in two opposite words “متقابلان”:

1. Two opposite words “متقابلان” do not get together in one thing but they can come together in two things such as black and white in white paper and black ink.
2. Two opposite words “متقابلان” do not get together from the same aspect such as father and son as simultaneously one person cannot be the father and son of one person.
3. Two opposite words “متقابلان” do not get together at the same time e.g., hot and cold, one thing cannot be hot and cold at the same time.

There are four types of **two opposite words “متقابلان”:**

- 1) Contradictories (تقابل النقيضين), or the contradiction of negation and affirmation.
- 2) The opposition of privation and possession (تقابل ملكه و عدم ملكه).
- 3) Contrariety (ضِدَّان)
- 4) Correlatives (مُتَضَائِفَان)