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Lesson 120
Methods of Division (3)
(اساليب القسمة)

- Methods of Division: To divide a thing correctly, the division must include all the divisions in it and exclude others; then division is through two methods:

A. Binary (by two contradictory sides, negating or affirming), such as dividing animals into rational and non-rational.

  ✓ The binary division is useful the most when the divisions of a thing are countless because the word 'غير' (non-) includes all the species and classifications one may consider.

  ✓ The binary division is also useful when rational restriction of all the divisions is intended, as well as in forming 'حد' and 'رسم'.

B. Elaborative (to bring all the divisions), such as dividing the universals into the five or dividing words into nouns, verbs, and prepositions.
   The elaborative division is of two types:

1. Intellective (العقلية)
   In this division, the intellect confirms that there is no other division left as in the pre-mentioned division of word. This division is based on negation and affirmation as in the binary division, so to prove the division is intellective, they refer it back to the binary division.

2. Inductive (الإستقرائية)
   In this division, the intellect confirms that having another division is possible, but only the existing divisions are inductively counted, such as the divine religions being divided into Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.