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Lesson 121
Defining by Division
(التعريف بالقسمة)

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- 1. (Any type of) division is accidental for the 'divided'.
- 2. (Any type of) division is often a property (خاصة) of the 'divided'.
- 3. Division must be inclusive and exclusive.
- 4. Divisions together are equal to the divided and often clearer. Therefore, defining a thing is possible through dividing it to its species and categories.

For example, when we divide water to oxygen and hydrogen, knowing that no other substance divides to the two, we have distinguished water from other things by its peculiar property and this is a sort of definition.

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