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Lesson 70

The Definite Article

Definite by the Article of Definition

"ال" حرفُ تعريفٍ أو اللامُ فقط
'ال' or 'ل' is the definite article

Example:

النمط ← نمط

Types of 'ال':

'العهد': For the noun mentioned twice

'الجنس': Genus

'الزائدة': extra

Types of 'ال' in the view of Bin-Aqil:

1. To mention something for the second time (عهد)
2. To encompass the genus (استغراق الجنس)
3. To define the nature (تعريف الحقيقة)
4. The redundant (زائدة)

Sometimes the 'ال' is brought to mention something for the second time (عهد); such as in "لَقِيتُ رَجُلًا فَأَكْرَمْتُ الرَّجُلَ" or "كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا ... رَسُولًا فَعَصَى فِرْعَوْنُ الرَّسُولَ".

Sometimes the 'ال' is brought to encompass (the individuals of) a genus (استغراق); such as in 'إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خَسْرٍ' (All mankind is in loss). Replaceability of 'ال' with 'كُلُّ' is the sign of this type.

Sometimes the 'ال' is brought to define the nature (تعريف الحقيقة) of the noun; such as in 'الرَّجُلُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْمَرْأَةِ' (Man is better than woman).