

## Topic: Types of Signification (دلالة)

### Section 8

#### Types of Signification (دلالة)



#### Types of Signification (دلالة)

**Dalalah** (signification) is of three kinds:

- 1) **formulative** (*al-Dalalah al-Wad'iyyah*) when the cause of *dalalah* is formulation (*wad'*)
- 2) **Rational** (*al-Dalalah al-Aqliyyah*) when the cause of *dalalah* is reasoning ('*Aql*)
- 3) **Natural** (*al-Dalalah al-Tab'iyyah*) when the cause of *dalalah* is nature (*Tabee'ah*)

Each kind of *dalalah* is either **verbal** (*lafziyyah*) or **non-verbal** (*Ghair-lafziyyah*)

- **Verbal** formulative *dalalah*; e.g. *Ali*
- **Non-verbal** formulative *dalalah*; e.g. *gestures*
- Verbal rational *dalalah*; e.g. *a voice implicates a speaker.*
- Non-verbal rational *dalalah*; e.g. *this creation implicates a creator.*
- Verbal natural *dalalah*; e.g. *Ah-Ah! Upon pain in the chest.*
- Non-verbal natural *dalalah*; e.g. *yellowish face implicates fear.*

