



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 11

The Assent and the Ignorance [*jahl*]

(التصديق + الجهل)

Divisions of the Assent:

There are two divisions of the assent: Certainty (*yaqīn*) and probability (*zann*).

In regards to a certain predicative proposition, there are four possible situations:

- **Certainty (*yaqīn*)**; when there is no possibility of it being false. This is the highest form of the assent in credibility.

(When both sides are probable, the *tasdiq* is one of three:)

- **Probability (*zann*)**: This is the likelihood of the predicative proposition being true. This is the lowest form of the assent.
- **Estimation (*wahm*)**: This is where one holds some possibility for the statement being true, but his belief falls on the side of its negation.
- **Doubt (*shakk*)**: This is where the likelihood of the predicate's truth or falsehood is considered equal.

Ignorance [*jahl*] and its divisions

Ignorance is nothing but the lack of knowledge, but where there nonetheless remains the *capacity* [or possibility] for knowledge; a kind of opposition of privation and possession.

Note:

- Doubt (*shakk*) and Estimation (*wahm*) are not the types of assent; they are the types of ignorance.
- Probability (*zann*) and Estimation (*wahm*) are always opposite to each other.