



Al-Mantiq

Lesson 20

The Semiotics (1)

(مباحث الألفاظ)

Logic is defined as: "A canonical tool. If one takes heed of this tool, he will have his mind immunized from error."

Knowledge is defined as: "The presence of something's image in the intellect".

1. Knowledge by presence (العلم الحضوري)

2. Acquired knowledge (العلم الحسولي)

We discuss "acquired knowledge" and not the "knowledge by presence" in Logic, because no mistake can happen in the second as there is no medium.

A preposition or statement can be axiom for a man and the same preposition or statement can be reflective for another person and this is only because the first person has the intuitive faculty and the second does not.

There are two subjects of logic:

The Definer (المعرف)

The Proof, Reasoning (الحجه)

The Need for Studying Semiotics

There is no doubt that the logician does not fulfill his basic purposes except through meanings; yet the logician cannot do without a study of the vocal expressions (ألفاظ) which convey those meanings.