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Lesson 41

The Divisions of Dissonant Words

(أقسام التباين)

Two similar words

المثلان

- If there was a commonality between two **dissonant words** and it is taken into **consideration**, they would be called “مثلان” or “متماثلان” (two similar words); such as Ali and Reza, as they are both humans.

Two different words

متخالفان

- They can be predicated upon one thing at the same time, from the same aspect if they are adjectives; such as nice *and* happy.

Two opposite words

متقابلان

- Oppose each other and they cannot get together at the same time, from the same aspect; such as existence and nonexistence.

Types of “مثلان”

If it is a similarity on the level of species (نوع), then the two words are referred to as similar (متماثلان); such as Muhammad and Ja`far, as they are both humans.

However, if the similarity is on the level of the genus (جنس), then they are referred to as “similar in genus” (مُتَجَانِسَان); such as human beings and horses, as they are both animals.

If the commonality between the two similar words is in their measure and quantity, they are called “متساويان”.

If the commonality between the two similar words is in their quality, they are called “مُتَشَابِهَان”.



Types of “مثلان” in brief:

متمائلان: Similarity on the level of species (نوع), such as Muhammad and Ja`far.

مُتَجَانِسَان: Similarity on the level of the genus (جنس), such as human beings and horses.

متساويان: Commonality in their measure and quantity.

مُتَشَابِهَان: Commonality in their quality.

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