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Summary

Arabic Grammar (Nahw)

التنازع: Lesson 93

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Section on Dispute (al-Tanāzu')

Definition: It is when two or more governing elements aim for a single governed element that comes after them.

The Ruling in the Chapter of Dispute:

It is not permissible for two or more governing elements to govern a single element. Therefore, the grammarians differed in specifying the governing element in the disputed element. The Kufans held the view that the first element has priority due to its precedence, while the Basrans held the view that the second element has priority due to its proximity. In either case, the neglected element functions in a pronoun that agrees with the disputed element:

«نَجَحَ فَأَكْرَمْتُهُمَا الْمَعْلَمَانِ» and «نَجَحَا فَأَكْرَمْتُ الْمَعْلَمَيْنِ»

Furthermore, if that pronoun is in the nominative case, it is absolutely impermissible to omit it. If it is other than that, it is omitted when the first is neglected and ambiguity is avoided: «أَكْرَمْتُ فَسُرَّ الْمُجْتَهِدَانِ».



Points of Attention:

The First: The two governing elements may agree in requiring a subject:

«ذهب و فرح الزيدان»

According to the Basrans, it is said: «ذهباً و فرحاً الزيدان»

And according to the Kufans: «ذهب و فرحاً الزيدان».

Or an object: «أكرمت و فرحت زيداً»

According to the Basrans, it is said: «أكرمته و فرحت زيداً»

And according to the Kufans: «أكرمت و فرحته زيداً».

They may also differ, where one requires a subject and the other an object:

«أكرمني ففرحت زيد»

According to the principle of the Basrans, it is said: «أكرمني ففرحت زيداً»

And according to the principle of the Kufans: «أكرمني ففرحته زيد».

The Second: Dispute occurs between:

1. Two conjugated verbs, as previously mentioned.
2. Two derived nouns, such as «عليّ مكرم و مفرح زيداً».
3. A conjugated verb and a noun resembling it.

It does not occur between two particles, nor between a particle and anything else.

The Third: Two or more governing elements may dispute over more than one governed element:

«علمتُ و ظننتُ زيداً عالماً».



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