The Relationship between Gender and the Semantic Field of «وحی» in the Holy Quran

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Abstract

The root of "وحی" in Arabic at the time of the revelation of the Qur'an had no gender dimension. With the revelation of the Holy Quran, a wide semantic transformation begins.

In theological knowledge, this word has found a semantic allocation. It is assigned to man and then to the prophets and their relationship with God. Theological knowledge transforms the central meaning of this word from the "act of God" to the "power of prophecy". Although this power has a passive meaning in the eyes of some, but it has become a subject and is at the center of the concept of revelation.

In philosophical thought, the angel of revelation is interpreted as a separate intellect or the tenth intellect in the hierarchy of intellects, and the perfect human intellect becomes the focal element of the concept of revelation.

During semantic changes, gender has entered the field of the meaning of revelation, first through the difference in the meaning of revelation on men and women in the interpretations of the Qur'an, then in the *Inherence* of the meaning of revelation and prophecy and then in the *Inherence* of the meaning of revelation and the intellect of the person being revealed.

Prophecy and reason are both concepts related to gender in the history of Islamic thought.

However, in the Holy Quran, there is no sign of a two-way Inherence between revelation and prophecy or revelation and reason. Therefore, it seems that revelation in the discourse of the Qur'an not only lacks a gender dimension but also a human dimension.

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