

Recognition and Classification of Linguistic Gender in the Holy Qur'an

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Abstract

The classification of feminine and masculine in the Arabic language does not have the necessary efficiency to identify the symbolic dimensions of linguistic gender in the Qur'an; Because, firstly, the duality of Majaz/Haghigha and secondly, the position of use is the determining factor in this classification. But what is important in understanding the Qur'an is the human gender and the connection of the Qur'an with gender as a basic component of human life. One of the most fundamental issues facing the understanding of the Qur'an has been the ambiguity and the degree of significance of linguistic elements in it. Therefore, it seems that we need a classification that can identify the elements of language in terms of their relationship with the human race, and their symbolic status and ambiguity in the Holy Qur'an. Therefore, based on the distinction between biological and linguistic gender, the presence or absence of ambiguity and the distinction between the meaning relationship of ambiguous elements, we have identified and classified different types of linguistic gender in the Qur'an as follows: a) Linguistic biological gender b) Pure linguistic gender c) Indeterminate Linguistic gender : C-1) Indeterminate gender of different meanings C-2) Indeterminate gender of non-different meanings C-3) Absolute indefinite gender.

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