

# *'Ilm al-Bayan*

## *Tashbih*

### (1) Its Integrals

#### Rules:

- (1) *Tashbih* is to show that a thing (or things) shares with something else in one or more attributes through the use of an instrument which is the *Kaf* or something similar whether explicit or implicit.
- (2) The Integrals of *Tashbih* are four: (a) the *Mushabbah* (the thing compared), (b) the *Mushabbah bihi* (the thing compared to), and these two are called the *Tarafa Tashbih* (the two elements in the *Tashbih* that are compared), (c) the *Adah Tashbih* (the instrument of comparison) and (d) the *Wajh Shabah* (the angle of comparison) which should be stronger and clearer in the *Mushabbah bihi* than in the *Mushabbah*.

### (2) the Types of *Tashbih*

#### Rules:

- (3) *Tashbih Mursal* is that in which the *Adah* is mentioned.
- (4) *Tashbih Mu'akkad* is that from which the *Adah* is dropped.
- (5) *Tashbih Mujmal* is that from which the *Wajh Shabah* is dropped.
- (6) *Tashbih Mufassal* is that in which the *Wajh Shabah* is mentioned.
- (7) *Tashbih Baligh* is that from which the *Adah* and *Wajh Shabah* are dropped.

### (3) *Tashbih Tamthil*

#### Rule:

- (8) The *Tashbih* is called *Tamthil* when the *Wajh Shabah* in it is an image or picture made up of number of things, and non-*Tamthil* when the *Wajh Shabah* is not like that. (like a scenario)

### (4) *Tashbih Dimniyy*

#### Rule:

- (9) The *Tashbih Dimniyy* (implied or covert comparison) is a *Tashbih* in which the *Mushabbah* and *Mushabbah bihi* are not placed in any of the known forms of *Tashbih* but are instead alluded to in the construction. This type (of *Tashbih*) is used to convey the idea that the particular judgment made about the *Mushabbah* is in fact possible.

## (5) Aims or Functions of *Tashbih*

### Rule:

(10) The Functions of *Tashbih* are numerous. The following are some of them:

- (a) Showing that the *Mushabbah* is possible: this is the case when something strange is said of it (i.e. the *Mushabbah*) such that its strangeness will not disappear except by mentioning something similar to it.
- (b) Clarifying the state in which it occurs: this is when the *Mushabbah* is of an unknown description before *Tashbih* (comparison) and then the *Tashbih* provides it with a description.
- (c) Clarifying the degree (of intensity or moderation) of the state in which it occurs: this is when the description of the *Mushabbah* is known before *Tashbih* in a general way and then the *Tashbih* stipulates the degree (of intensity or moderation) of this description.
- (d) Reinforcing the state in which it occurs like when what is said about the *Mushabbah* requires to be affirmed and clarified by means of an example.
- (e) Making the *Mushabbah* beautiful or ugly.

## (6) *Tashbih Maqlub*

### Rule:

(11) *Tashbih Maqlub* (inverted comparison) is to make the *Mushabbah* into the *Mushabbah bihi* by claiming that the *Wajh Shabah* in it is stronger and clearer.

### *Al-Haqiqah wal-Majaz (the Literal and Metaphorical)* *Majaz Lughawiyy*

(12) *Majaz Lughawiyy* (linguistic metaphor) is a word that is used outside the meaning that it was (originally) coined due to an '*Alaqah* (relation that exists between its real or literal meaning and the current metaphorical meaning) in addition to a *Qarinah* (circumstantial indicator) which prevents the real meaning from being intended. The relation between the literal and metaphorical meaning is sometimes one of mutual resemblance or similarity (*Mushabahah*) and sometimes something else. The *Qarinah* is sometimes textual (*Lafthiyyah*) and sometimes contextual (*Haliyyah*).

### (1) *Al-Isti'arah al-Tasrihiyyah wal-Makniyyah*

### Rule:

(13) The *Isti'arah* is a type of *Majaz Lughawiyy*, and it is a *Tashbih* where one of its two *Tarafan* (the two elements in the *Tashbih* that are compared) is dropped. Its '*Alaqah* (relation) is always one of *Mushabahah* (mutual resemblance or similarity). It is of two types:

- (a) *Tasrihiyyah* (explicit), which is where the word denoting the *Mushabbah bihi* is explicitly stated
- (b) *Makniyyah* (implicit), which is where the *Mushabbah bihi* is dropped and is alluded to by one of its *Lawazim* (necessary qualities).

### (2) Division of the *Isti'arah* into *Asliyyah* and *Taba'iyyah*

### Rules:

- (14) The *Isti'arah* is *Asliyyah* when the word used for it is an *Ism Jamid* (non-derivative: in the form of a concrete or abstract noun, as opposed to a *Mushtaqq* or a *Fi'l*)
- (15) The *Isti'arah* is *Taba'iyah* when the word used for it is a *Mushtaqq* (derivative) or *Fi'l* (verb).
- (16) The *Qarinah* of every *Taba'iyah* is *Makniyyah* (implicit), and when the *Isti'arah* is used for any of the two then it is not allowed that it be used for the other.

## (2) Division of the *Isti'arah* into *Murash-shahah*, *Mujarradah* and *Mutlaqah*

### Rules:

- (17) The *Isti'arah Murash-shahah* is where the *Mula'im* of the *Mushabbah bihi* (i.e. the expression complementing the *Mushabbah bihi*) is mentioned with it.
- (18) The *Isti'arah Mujarradah* is where the *Mula'im* of the *Mushabbah* (i.e. the expression complementing the *Mushabbah*) is mentioned with it.
- (19) The *Isti'arah Mutlaqah* is that which is free from *Mula'imat* of the *Mushabbah bihi* or the *Mushabbah*.
- (20) The *Tarshih* (i.e. the expression complementing the *Mushabbah bihi*) or the *Tajrid* (i.e. the expression complementing the *Mushabbah*) is only considered after the *Isti'arah* is already complete with its *Qarinah* whether textual or contextual. For this reason the *Qarinah* of the (*Isti'arah*) *Tasrihiyyah* is not called *Tajrid* and the *Qarinah* of the (*Isti'arah*) *Makniyyah* is not called *Tarshih*.

## (4) *Isti'arah Tamthiliyyah*

### Rule:

- (21) The *Isti'arah Tamthiliyyah* is a *Tarkib* (construction or compound) which is used outside the meaning that it was (originally) coined for due to the relation of similarity (*'Alaqah Mushabahah* existing between the literal meaning and current figurative meaning) in addition to a *Qarinah* (circumstantial indicator) which prevents the original meaning from being intended.

## (5) *Majaz Mursal*

### Rules:

- (22) *Majaz Mursal* is a *Kalimah* (word) which is used outside the meaning that it was (originally) coined for due to a relation other than similarity (*'Alaqah Ghayr Mushabahah* existing between the literal meaning and current figurative meaning) in addition to a *Qarinah* (circumstantial indicator) which prevents the original meaning from being intended.
- (23) Amongst the *'Alaqat* (relations) of the *Majaz Mursal* are: *Sababiyyah* (being the cause), *Musabbabiyyah* (being the effect), *Juz'iyah* (being the part), *Kulliyyah* (being the whole), *I'tibar Ma Kana* (considering what was), *I'tibar Ma Yaunu* (considering what will be), *Mahalliyyah* (being the place that is occupied) and *Halliyyah* (being the one occupying the place).

## *Majaz 'Aqliyy*

### Rules:

- (24) *Majaz 'Aqliyy* (conceptual metaphor) is to let the *Fi'l* – or something similar – be attributed to a *Fa'il* which is not its own due to a relation (existing between the real *Fa'il* and the current metaphorical one) in addition to a *Qarinah* preventing the real meaning from being intended.
- (25) The metaphorical attribution (*Isnad Majaziyy*) could be to the cause of the *Fi'l*, its time, its place or its (lexical) source (which is its infinitive).