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CHAPTER 2

THE EXPRESSION OF MEANING AS A LOGICAL APPROACH IN THE CASE OF SEMANTIC STUDY

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Introduction

According to Jurjani, the relationship between syntax and semantics has not been effectively clarified within the framework of traditional Arabic grammatical theory. In his commentary (see Jurjani, *Dalā'il al-I'jāz*, 1960, pp. 66-67), he differentiated between 'meaning' and 'form' in a sentence. This concept is presented not to linguists but theologians (*Mu'tazilah*) in impressing on them the need to study not only theology but also grammar and literary theory in order to improve their understanding of the inimitability of the Qur'an.

The *Naẓm* Concept

In order to have a connection between syntax and semantics, he introduced the concept of *nazm*, which combines three aspects: 1) *lafẓ hāmil*; 2) *makna bihi qāim*; and 3) *rabat lahuma nāzim*. This contribution showed the intellectual capacity of Jurjani, particularly