

# النَّكِرَةُ وَالْمَعْرِفَةُ

The respected Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim, **حَفْظُهُ اللهُ** was asked:

## Question

When the same word is used *nakirah* then *ma"rifah*, what different shades of meaning are conveyed?

## Answer

The Shaykh replied (quote):

Grammarians hold that the *nakirah* is more comprehensive than the *ma"rifah*.

When I say:

عِنْدِي الْكِتَابُ

you understand that I have the particular book we have been talking about.

But if I say:

عِنْدِي كِتَابٌ

then you cannot figure out what type of book I have, in what discipline, by which author, where has it been published, etc.

So it sort of covers the whole world of books.

End Quote

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