

دُنَّا ، الدُّنَّا

With Rules of *Sarf*

أَعَزُّ مَكَانٍ فِي الدُّنَّا سَرَجٌ سَابِحٌ
وَأَخَيْرُ جَلِيسٍ فِي الزَّمَانِ كِتَابٌ

(Poetry Lesson 3)

Question

In some places the *Ad dunna* is written with *Alif MaqSuurah* (*Yaa'* without dots).

Is there a reason or are they making a mistake?

Jazakallah Khairan. Your lessons are extremely beneficial.

Answer

Our Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim, حَفِظَهُ اللهُ replied
(quote):

The rule is that a final *alif* which is changed from either *waaw* or *yaa'*, is written with dotless *yaa'* if it is the fourth, fifth or sixth letter, e.g.

Changed from *waaw* :

أَدْنَى، تَدْنَى، اسْتَعْلَى

Changed from *yaa'* :

أَهْدَى، اهْتَدَى، اسْتَهْدَى

If, however, the fourth letter is preceded by a *yaa'*, it is written *alif* to avoid a combination of two *yaa's*, e.g.:

دُنْيَا

which according to the first rule should have been written:

دُنْيَى.

But if the *alif* which is changed from *waaw* or *yaa'* is the third letter of the word, it is written *alif* if it is changed from *waaw*, and dotless *yaa'* if it is changed from *yaa'* e.g.:

عَصَا، قَفَا
فَتَى، هُدَى

Now the *alif* in **دُنَا** is the third letter, and it is changed from *waaw*, so according to the rule it is to be written *alif*.

Some people do write it with *yaa'*, but it does not conform to the rule.

Brother, you wrote the word with two n's (*ad-dunna*), but in Arabic the *nuun* here has no *shaddah*.

(End answer)

جزى الله شيخنا خيراً.