

اللغة العربية

النَّكْرَة وَالْمَعْرِفَة



Question

When the same word appears *nakirah* then *ma'rifah*, what different shades of meaning are conveyed?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



Grammarians hold that the *nakirah* is more comprehensive than the *maʿrifah*.

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.

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