اللغة العريية

تَثْنِيَةُ الْمَقْصُورِ



Question

? مُسْتَشْفًى How do we make dual of a *maqṣūr* noun like ?

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



Dear Sister Haleemah,

وعليكم السلام

The *maqsūr* noun may be either:

A) *thulāthiyy*, (ثُــلاَثِــيّ) i.e., with three letters, or

B) non-*thulāthiyy*, i.e., with more than three letters.

A) If the *thulāthiyy* is written with *alif* like,

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its third radical is wāw.

So in *muthannā* the third radical is changed to $w\bar{a}w$:



And if the *thulāthiyy* is written with $y\bar{a}^{2}$ like:



its third radical is $y\bar{a}^{2}$.

So in *muthannā* the third radical is changed to $y\bar{a}^{\nu}$:



The Glorious Qur'an says:

﴿ وَدَخَلَ مَعَهُ السِّجْنَ فَتَيَانِ ﴾ (يوسف: ٣٦)

B) In a non-*thulāthiyy* noun the *alif* which is written as $y\bar{a}^{\prime}$ is changed to $y\bar{a}^{\prime}$:



pronounced: mustashfayāni.

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pronounced: mustafayāni.

Hope this answers your question.

والسلام abdur rahim