

القرآن الكريم

﴿لُنَّبِيِّنَ لَكُمْ وَنُقُرُّ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ﴾



(الحج: ٥)

Question

What is a جُمْلَةٌ اسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ

and a وَآوُ اسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ ?

These terms are often used in Qur'ānic *i'rāb* books.

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



The word **اِسْتِنَافٌ** literally means: *to start anew*.

As a grammatical term, it means:

forming a sentence which is not grammatically connected to the previous sentence.

So, a **جُمْلَةٌ اِسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ** is a sentence which is not grammatically connected to the previous one.

And a **وَ اِسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ** is a *wāw* which commences a **جُمْلَةٌ اِسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ** as in the following *āyah*:

﴿لَنُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ وَنُقِرُّ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى﴾ (الحج: ٥) 

... that We may make (it) clear for you. And We cause what We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed time ...

As you can see, the part of the *āyah* ﴿وَنُقِرُّ﴾ is not grammatically connected to ﴿لَنُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ﴾.

The verb in the second part of the *āyah* is *marfūʿ*: ﴿نُقِرُّ﴾ while the verb in the first part is *manṣūb*: ﴿لَنُبَيِّنَ﴾.

So this **وَ اِسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ** cannot be **وَ اِسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ**. It is **وَ اِسْتِنَافِيَّةٌ**.

Hope this has helped you to understand this rule.

والسلام

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