

# اللغة العربية

## «الألفية»



### Question

Please explain the title of Ibn Mālik's grammar work:

الألفية.

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



The ياء in «الأَلْفِيَّةُ» is the ياءُ النَّسَبِ, as the ياء in:

دِينِي (religious)

نَحْوِي (grammatical) etc.

And the تاء مَرْبُوطَةٌ has been added to make the word feminine: الأَلْفِيَّةُ.

And the word الأَلْفِيَّةُ is a *naʿt* of the word القَصِيدَةُ Ode.

القَصِيدَةُ الأَلْفِيَّةُ means 'the thousand couplet Ode'.

In the word أَلْفِيَّةُ, *al* is not the definite article. It is a part of the word.

In this book, the author ibn Mālik presents the rules of grammar in the form of couplets.

The book contains 1002 couplets.

That is why it is called الأَلْفِيَّةُ, i.e., a book containing one thousand (ألف) couplets.

Hope this answers your question.

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