

القاعدة الثالثة: التنكير في القرآن يأتي للتعظيم او التحقير

Rule # 3: Undefined in the Qur'an comes to magnify or to humiliate.

An undefined word in the Qur'an is

To magnify

or

To humiliate

The undefined form can be used to magnify a matter that is so great.

For example, the punishment of the disbelievers may be undefined to show it is very humiliated.

The undefined form (النكرة): is used for something which is not specific (ما وضع لشيء لا بعينه). It does not have the prefix 'ال'. For example, البيت is a known, specific house whereas بيت in the undefined form does not refer to a specific home- it can be any home.

Example #1

وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقِصَاصِ حَيَاةٌ

And there is (a saving of) life for you in Al-Qisas (the Law of Equality in punishment),
(Surah Al Baqarah 2:179)

In the penalty there is حَيَاةٌ meaning life. It is important to give rights in life, so it comes in undefined form to magnify- you don't know how great is الْقِصَاصِ (Law of equality in punishment).

Example #2

وَقِيلَ بُعْدًا لِلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

"Away with the people who are Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doing)!" (Surat Hud 11:44)

In this ayah بُعْدًا came in undefined form as a humiliation for the الظَّالِمِينَ (wrong doing people).