CF-6: Rhetorical Branching

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Definition

A rhetorical technique where the validity of a new statement is derived from a previous one. This serves as a justification for a change in topic that favours the communicator's objective.[1]

Example

> ذَٰلِكَ ٱلْكِتَٰبُ لَا رَيْبَ ۛ فِيهِ ۛ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ
>
> ٱلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِٱلْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ ٱلصَّلَوٰةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَٰهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ
>
> This is the Book! There is no doubt about it — a guide for those mindful of Allah
> Who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and donate from what We have provided for them.
>
> Qur'an 2:2-3 ⧉

Explanation

The primary proposition is "This is the Book! There is no doubt about it." The logical branching is "a guide for those mindful of Allah" and the subsequent 3 verses which provide descriptions of "those mindful of Allah."

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