

CE-6: Grouping Then Differentiating

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Definition

The communicator first combines multiple subjects under a shared predicate, and then differentiates them with individual qualifiers or extensions. This technique subtly unifies and differentiates, adding nuance by showing a shared attribute that branches into distinct meanings.^{[1][2]}

Example 1

وجهك كالنار في ضوئها، وقلبي كالنار في حرها.

Your face is like fire in its light and my heart is like fire in its heat.

- Rashīd al-Dīn al-Wāṭwāṭ

Explanation

Both "your face" and "my heart" are joined by the comparison to fire, but the aspects (light and heat) are then separated out and applied appropriately.



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Example 2

خَلَقْتَنِي مِنْ نَارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ طِينٍ

You created me from fire, and him from clay.

Qur'an 7:12

Explanation

Adam and Iblis share the attribute of being created by Allah, but the differentiation is that Iblis was created from fire and Adam was created from clay.

See also

- [CE-8: Folding and Unfolding](#), of which this may be considered a rhetorically ordered subtype.

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