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Civilization Words in the Holy Qur'an and Old Testament: A Linguistic Study at the Level of Syntax and Semantics

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Abstract

The present thesis is a comparative study of Arabic and Hebrew entitled: The Words of Civilization in the Holy Qur'an and the Old Testament: A Comparative Linguistic Study at the Syntactic and Semantic Levels.

The study comprises an introduction, a preface, three chapters, a conclusion, a list of references, appendices, and a numbered index of topics.

Study Subject: the Holy Qur'an and the Old Testament

Methodology:

- Descriptive approach
- Semantic Field Theory approach
- Comparative approach

Preface: It addresses three topics:

- Definition of civilization
- Classifications of the words of civilizations
- Definition of the Old Testament

Chapter One:

This chapter is entitled "The Economic Field", and it consists of four semantic fields for the words of civilization in the Holy Qur'an and the same for the Old Testament, especially (the Torah), or what is known as the Pentateuch or the five books of Moses. The second chapter is entitled: The Cultural Field, and it contains three semantic fields for the words of the Holy Qur'an and the same for the Torah. The third chapter is entitled: The Political Field, and it contains four semantic fields with the same previous division in the previous two chapters. Therefore, the total number of study chapters includes three chapters with a total number of twenty-two semantic fields. This is followed by a conclusion presenting a summary of the most important findings of the study.