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Summary of the Thesis

After discussing the structural, indicative study of time subject in Prophetic Hadith in light of the current context and the descriptive method, various findings are reached. The most important findings are as follows:-

- 1- Time variation is evident in the language of Prophetic Hadith in addition to eloquence of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) in using abstract verb forms and accurate grammatical tools that express the desired time connotation.**

It is clear that the one, who is familiar with time expression devices in Holy Quran and Prophetic Hadith, can realize the magnificence of Holy Quran and the eloquence of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). He can rate these texts number one as they show the ability of Arabic language and its richness with various devices expressing different times accurately and easily.

- 2- Arabic language is loaded with devices (forms of verb and grammatical instruments) through which it can mention time parts and its approximate variances.**

Arabic language is as what professor Abbas Mahmoud Al-Akad called it:

- It is language of time with more than one meaning.**
- It is language of time as it is the best language expressing it.**
- It is language of time as it is able to cope with time in our era and the following eras.**

- 3- Context is significant in setting time pattern and not the separate formula as morphological time is limited to the meaning of the formula, from which it separates when formula connects with context.**

So it is inevitable to look at time in the context in a way different from its look in its formula, as grammatical time differs from morphological one, because morphological time is the function of the formulation while grammatical time is the function of context.

- 4- Old and modern grammarians are fully concerned with time in Arabic language. This is clear from signs mentioned in their writings, that indicate their hard efforts and their attempts to complicate Arabic language in a standard way for its scholars.**

But they forget that practice is far different from their theoretical rules which revolve around the theory of grammatical factor and parse without showing interest to time and grammatical connotation.

- 5- The study shows the mistaken beliefs of some of the orientalists as they believe that Arabic language is unable to express time parts and its approximate variances, and if it can, it is dominated by expressing preoccupation. This is based on their belief that grammarians have to divide the verb without any regard to the linguistic uses of its patterns.**