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The Development of “Ha” into “Hamzah” in the Arabic Definite Article “Al” in Light of the Phenomena of Definition and Warning in Semitic Languages

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ABSTRACT

This paper tackles an important case among those relevant to comparative linguistic lessons. Basically, it deals with the glottal stop “Hamzah” of the Arabic definite article “Al”. Meanwhile, it ends with the fact that its origin emerged from “Ha” which apparently exists in the Arabic Demonstrative “Hada”.

The present researcher adopted a comparative descriptive procedure through which he showed how the definite article and the demonstrative semantically meet, and how such phenomena linguistically match in structure in semitic languages.

The researcher concluded that the prefix “Ha” which is used to give “warnings” is, in its origin, relevant to the glottal stop “Hamzah” in the Arabic definite article “Al”, since there is a big similarity in terms of semantic denotation in certain contextual debates.

Keywords: development, glottal stop, *Ha*, semitic, demonstrative.

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