

The word "Kada" Its Usages & Denotations

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Abstract

The word "Kada" has several uses and different denotations and rules that have been the interest of grammarians, whose opinions varied considerably about it. The majority hold that its predicate must be preceded by the word "An" only in poetic language, not in ordinary language, while other grammarians hold that it can be preceded by the word "Anna" in ordinary language as well.

Some grammarians, but not all of them, hold that the word "Kada" is non-functional. Others hold that it differs from the other Arabic verbs. This is because when it is in the affirmative form, it denotes a negative meaning, and vice versa. Each grammarian school, however, put forward examples and evidences in support of their view, although upon detailed examination most of the examples and evidences prove to be unauthentic.

In fact, the general context of the text and the text-producer's intention are what determine the validity of the above-mentioned views. Therefore, this research tires to prove the importance of the general context and the producer's intention as regards such rules so as to be as close as possible to the proper rules of the word "Kada" and its denotations.

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