

Abstract

Dictionaries are considered one of the most prominent tools that contribute to understanding and developing the language, as they reflect its richness and diversity. The study of lexical criticism is one of the vital fields that shed light on how to classify words and interpret their meanings, which contributes to enhancing linguistic understanding in its various aspects and is a starting point for linguistic criticism in general.

The importance of lexical criticism is evident in its ability to analyze dictionaries in terms of their structure, content, methods, and impact on language and culture. It is not limited to evaluating meanings only, but also addresses the social and cultural contexts that produce these dictionaries.

Lexicon criticism is of great importance in lexical composition; it emerged after the appearance of the first linguistic dictionary, which is (Al-Ain) by Al-Khalil bin Ahmed (d. 175 AH) and continued to the present era. Through it, linguists mention the delusions that their predecessors fell into and warn against their shortcomings. Among the dictionaries that have received the attention of linguists, both ancient and modern, is the dictionary (Taj al-Lugha wa Sihah al-Arabiyyah) by al-Jawhari; it was the focus of many lexicographical works, supplementing, explaining, abbreviating and criticizing.

Al-Hasan bin Muhammad bin al-Hasan al-Sagani, who died in 650 AH, was interested in this dictionary. He wrote the

book (Al-Takmilah, al-Dhayl, and al-Silah) based on it, which was based on two main aspects: supplementing what al-Jawhari neglected and missed in explanation and evidence, and criticizing what al-Sihah contained of language and evidence.

After searching the critical studies that dealt with al-Sihah by al-Jawhari, I did not find a study of al-Sagani's objections to it, so I wanted it to be the field of my study that I am applying for to obtain the higher degree (master's), and after consulting my supervising professor (Dr. Qasim Muhammad Kamil al-Saeedi), the opinion was settled on choosing the topic: (Criticism of the evidence of al-Sihah al-Lughawi in al-Takmilah, al-Dhayl, and al-Silah by al-Sagani (557-650 AH) a study and evaluation). In this thesis, we will review the critical practices adopted in lexicographic studies, and we will discuss the most prominent Arabic dictionaries, with a careful analysis of their contents and their impact on the Arabic language. Through this study as well, we hope to contribute to shedding light on the vital role of lexicographic criticism in shaping linguistic and cultural understanding, and to open new horizons for research and study in this field.