

It has been said that the Arabic language is like a seventh heaven, honored and blessed by God, who made it the language of humanity. It is the language in which the clear Book—the Noble Qur’an—was revealed in eloquent Arabic. God granted it this high and noble status, elevating it above all other languages. It is the language of *Ḍād*, the essence of poetry and eloquence in the heritage of the ancestors—truly a language with roots in the earth and a foundation anchored in the heavens. Modern interpreters (*mufasssirun*) have drawn richly from the depths of this language, diving into its secrets in pursuit of meanings and indications embedded in the verses of the Holy Qur’an. With the genius of their intellects, they have crafted interpretations grounded in the context of Qur’anic sentences, guided by the structures of grammar, morphology, phonology, rhetoric, semantics, and literary beauty. Among the scholars distinguished by their interpretations is Sheikh Muhammad Baqir Al-Nasiri, whose *tafsir* follows the path of the classical commentators. This study was prompted by the absence of an independent analysis focusing on the linguistic and semantic aspects of his works—despite the rich and diverse semantic content they contain, deserving of academic study and analysis. An exception is a single study by Dr. Muhammad Idris Al-Husaynawi, who examined one of the Sheikh’s commentaries, addressing its general methodology while only briefly mentioning its linguistic and semantic efforts with limited examples. This opened a broad space for further exploration and research in this direction. Hence, this study seeks to trace the manifestations of semantic meaning in Sheikh Al-Nasiri’s interpretations and to uncover his method in addressing linguistic meanings. It aims to recognize the Sheikh’s contribution to the linguistic study of the Qur’an and to shed light on his scholarly efforts, which have not received sufficient attention in previous studies. This is part of a broader endeavor to appreciate and highlight the contributions of contemporary scholars—who represent a renewed extension of the original source of wisdom that continues to enrich intellectual discourse with its values and principles.

Abstract The study assumes that Sheikh Al-Nasiri’s interpretations do not employ linguistic tools merely for formal presentation but rather to serve the semantic understanding of the Qur’an. This stems from the interpreter’s dedication to showcasing the Qur’an’s linguistic miracle and uncovering its deep meanings and semantic subtleties. From this arises the central research problem: How did Sheikh Al-Nasiri employ tools of linguistic-semantic analysis in his interpretation of the Qur’an? What sources did he rely on to trace the meanings of words and their connotations? What methodology did he adopt in deriving Qur’anic meanings? This research follows an analytical investigative methodology. It involves collecting interpretive texts from Al-Nasiri’s *tafsir*, then classifying them based on levels of linguistic study—phonetics, morphology, syntax, and context—along with their related issues. Mastery of these linguistic levels is essential in semantic research, as each plays a vital role in extracting and directing meanings within Qur’anic discourse. The study is structured into an introduction, three chapters, and a conclusion, in line with its scientific and methodological nature. The introduction is dedicated to presenting Sheikh Al-Nasiri’s biography and scholarly contributions and tracing the development of the concept of semantics—from classical linguists, interpreters, *usul*is, rhetoricians, logicians, and jurists to modern scholars—concluding with Al-Nasiri’s stance on deriving meaning from the Qur’anic Chapter One is devoted to the semantics of the individual word and contains two main sections. The first addresses phonetic semantics, highlighting Al-Nasiri’s efforts in showcasing the semantic dimensions of Qur’anic sounds. The second focuses on morphological semantics, analyzing his interpretation of word structures through the meanings of nouns, verbs, and alternations in forms and their subtle semantic shifts. Chapter Two explores semantic relationships among individual words in two sections. The first discusses

polysemy, antonymy, and semantic opposition, while the second addresses semantic change, such as specification, generalization, and shifts in meaning domains. B Abstract Chapter Three investigates syntactic semantics, with two sections. The first covers grammatical semantics, examining the effects of syntax, meaning of words and particles on the interpretation of meaning. The second focuses on contextual semantics, explaining the concept of context, its types, and Al-Nasiri's efforts in employing it to interpret Qur'anic verses—especially its role in semantic coherence, generality, and specificity. The study concludes with a summary of the most important findings that highlight the semantic contributions of Al-Nasiri's interpretations. The findings reveal that Al-Nasiri's tafsir adopts a coordinated methodology evident throughout his works. He integrates a variety of semantic mechanisms, including dictionary meanings, syntactic analysis, reference to Qur'anic readings (qira'at), clarification of the overall meaning of the text, determination of figurative and legal meanings, and use of the verse's story or reason for revelation as key components in constructing the interpretive context and understanding the Qur'an's objectives. This research was not without challenges—most notably, the similarity of topics in prior studies, making it difficult to find a fresh angle within theoretical frameworks. Another challenge was the overlapping nature of semantics with other linguistic disciplines, requiring comprehensive and precise knowledge. Additionally, the degree of analytical methodology varied within Al-Nasiri's tafsir—appearing clearly in some parts and absent in others. The absence of an explicit theoretical framework on semantics by Al-Nasiri also made it necessary for the researcher to infer and classify his methodology based on personal analysis and interpretation. It is hoped that this study will open new academic paths for researchers to explore other linguistic dimensions in Al-Nasiri's tafsir, especially in the areas of rhetoric and style, thus further advancing his linguistic project. This research was conducted with strict scientific methodology to ensure objectivity and neutrality—despite possible unintentional shortcomings due to the complexity and breadth of semantic study and C Abstract the difficulty of fully encompassing the details and intricacies of the Arabic language. Nonetheless, it is hoped that the analytical steps taken have added precision and depth to the study.