

Intentionality in letters of Imam Ali to Mu'awiyah Based on speech acts

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Abstract

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The intention of the guillotine in the use of language in a discourse has an influential role so that the sender in choosing the strategy of his discourse and the receiver in understanding that discourse, pay attention to it in a specific context. Semantics and receiving the speaker's intention are the main and effective elements in pragmatics; because this theory of linguistics in the analysis of a discourse deals with its three pillars (sender, sent and receiver). The present study, relying on the intention and purpose of Amir al-Mo'menin (AS) in the verbal actions of his letters to Mu'awiyah, seeks to understand the meanings of the letters and discover his strategy in leading the audience to perform or leave an action. In fact, speech actions are one of the most important axes and tools of language application that the sender uses to achieve his discourse goals. In addition, speech actions in the form of news, descriptive and compositional sentences. And an action affects its audience and consequently changes the outside world. Therefore, this article examines the letters of Imam by descriptive-analytical method in extracting samples and analyzing them and relying on the views of Austin and Searle in the theory of speech actions. The achievements of this research are that Imam has used indirect actions in the discussion of speech actions and the implicit strategy appears in it and in persuasion action uses the condition of lexical concussion and social domination to change the theologian's positions.

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