

Al Jami` Al Kabir

A Summary

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Aljami` Alkabir fi Sina'at AlmanDoom min Alkalaam wa Almanthoor is a book about the making of verse and prose language by Diya'ulddeen Ibn Alatheer (637 H). He structured it after his group teaching of rhetoric lectures. It is one of our legacy books, which suffered neglect and damage. Therefore, I have revived it by editing it and re-reading it against four manuscripts, two of which are old and closer in time to the author, but reasonably well-maintained, and two modern copies.

The above have, besides secondary copies such as Al Tofee's summary of the book (716H); and Naqoul Ibn AlNaqeeb's extended version in the preface of explications; and Ibn Al 'Atheer's other book entitled Almatalh Alsa'ir, all helped me in reading the book and correcting it which gives reason to hope and promise to release an edition of the book free from intervention, distortion and faults that have inflected the book since its first edition about sixty years ago.

In addition, I have ensured to relate the book to other relevant books, especially those used as references books, though not few in number, by Ibn Alatheer himself, weather the reference is overt or covert. Moreover, I have included a study of the book, in which the



authenticity of attributing the work to Ibn Alatheer is clarified, because there has been a cloud about the author in the past and recent times. I have also traced the sources and origins of the book, clarified its influence on subsequent writers, and the differences between it and Ibn Alatheer's other book, Almathel Alsa'ir. Finally, indexes were added to refer to the subjects and names in the book.

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