

كَانَ وَ لَكِنَّ

كَانَ and لَكِنَّ are from among the sisters of Inna (اخوانُ إِنَّ). They, too, act like إِنَّ in changing I'raab. But they are different in meanings

1. حَرْفُ التَّشْبِيهِ كَانٌ : The harf for simile

Because it denotes a simile. It is called حَرْفُ التَّشْبِيهِ.

كَانَ الْعِلْمُ نُورٌ As if knowledge is light.

﴿وَإِذْ نَتَقْنَا الْجَبَلَ فَوْقَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُ ظِلَّةٌ﴾ [171:Al-A'raaf]

And (remember) when We raised the mountain over them as if it had been a canopy.

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ إِنَّ الرُّجُلَ مِنْ أَهْلِ عِلِّيِّينَ لَيَشْرَفُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ فُتَضِيءُ الْجَنَّةُ لَوَجْهِهِ كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ مُرْتَضِيٌّ قَالَ وَهَكَذَا جَاءَ الْحَدِيثُ مُرْتَضِيٌّ مَرْفُوعَةٌ الدَّالُّ لَا مُهْمَزٌ وَإِنَّ أَبَا بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرُ لَمِنْهُمْ وَأَنْعَمَا

Narrated AbuSa'id al-Khudri: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: A man from the Illiyyun will look downwards at the people of Paradise and Paradise will be glittering as if it were a brilliant star.

Sometimes كَانَ gives the meaning of assumption.

كَانَنِي أَعْرِفُكَ I think I know you.

حَرْفُ الْإِسْتِزْكَارِ وَ نَضْبِ لَكِنَّ : The harf for rectify.

The harf for removing doubt. Clears the doubt which occurs to the person spoken to.

لَكِنَّ I rectify (But, nay)

﴿وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا﴾ [2:102]

Sulaymaan (As) did not disbelieve but/rather shayateen (satans) disbelieved.