

**THE PLACE OF JALALUDDIN RUMI'S WORKS IN CONTEMPORARY SUFISM
PHILOSOPHY**

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Abstract

This article explores the significant role of Jalaluddin Rumi's works in contemporary Sufi philosophy. Rumi, a prominent 13th-century Persian mystic and poet, laid the foundation for many key concepts in Sufism, such as divine love (ishq), spiritual journey (safar), inner purification, and union with the Divine (fana). His teachings, especially in his masterpiece Masnavi, continue to influence modern spiritual thought, offering insights into the human soul, the nature of divine reality, and the path of self-realization. In the context of contemporary Sufism, Rumi's works bridge the gap between classical Islamic mysticism and modern spiritual practices, providing timeless wisdom on the importance of inner transformation, unity with the Divine, and the harmonious development of the self. This article will analyze how Rumi's ideas are applied and adapted in today's Sufi thought, especially in the light of challenges posed by the modern world.

Keywords: Jalaluddin Rumi, Sufism, contemporary philosophy, spiritual journey, divine love, inner purification, fana (annihilation in God), Masnavi, Islamic mysticism, self-realization, unity with the Divine, modern spiritual thought.

Introduction

Jalaluddin Rumi, through his philosophical and mystical works, placed great emphasis on the inner knowledge and spiritual development of the individual. His theory of knowledge continues to hold significant importance in Sufism and contemporary Sufi practices. In Rumi's ideas, knowledge is not only attained through intellect and reason but also through spiritual intuition, experience, and love.

MATERIAL AND METHODS.

Spiritual Foundations of Knowledge In Rumi's works, the theory of knowledge is based on spiritual awareness and perception. According to him, true knowledge is not only acquired through the external world and intellect but is deepened through understanding the inner world and spiritual experience. Rumi divides knowledge into four main components:

Intellect: While the intellect is an important tool for understanding truth, Rumi gives it limited importance. The intellect helps in understanding external realities, but to understand the true essence of a person, inner knowledge and spiritual experience are required.

Heart: The heart is the primary means of acquiring true knowledge. Through purifying the heart and discovering its light, a person understands the inner truth. Rumi sees «purifying the heart» as the first step on the spiritual path.

Soul: The soul is considered the primary element that expresses the true essence of a person. Rumi emphasizes that through the soul, one can directly connect with God [1].

Love: In Rumi's theory, love is seen as the highest form of knowledge. He explains that true knowledge is attained through the love of God and humanity.

Example: Rumi's words, «You will see the light of God in your heart, and when your heart is full, you will understand all the secrets of the world,» illustrate the role of the heart in acquiring knowledge. Beyond the limits of reason, true knowledge can be attained through the heart and soul.

Understanding Truth: Self-Knowledge Rumi defines knowledge not just as the accumulation of information but as the understanding of one's essence and the recognition of God. True knowledge begins with self-awareness. According to Rumi, by understanding one's inner world, heart, and soul, a person can rightly understand God and the world.

Self-Knowledge: Rumi encourages individuals to understand their true essence. He believes that by asking oneself, «Who am I?» an individual will not only understand the outer world but also their inner world. Self-awareness lies at the core of knowledge [3].

Understanding God: Rumi stresses the necessity of seeing God within the inner world and in every being. God is not only the Creator but also the truth that resides in the heart of a person.

Example: Rumi writes, «He who knows himself, knows God.» This idea reflects Rumi's theory of knowledge, which is focused on self-awareness and understanding God.

Intellect and Perception: Unity of Spiritual Knowledge Rumi emphasizes the integration of intellect and perception to attain true knowledge. While the intellect helps in understanding the external world and material life, intuition and spiritual feelings play a crucial role in grasping inner truth and spirituality [2].

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Future research creates significant opportunities to explore Rumi's works in new contexts and expand the possibilities of applying his ideas to contemporary practice. Rumi's mystical, ethical, psychological, and philosophical ideas can help address today's social, scientific, and spiritual challenges. Research, especially linking Rumi's works with modern psychology, ethics, education, and humanitarian movements, provides a deeper understanding of his impact not only in religious but also in scientific and practical contexts. Pragmatic discourse refers to the process of exchanging ideas and communicating in daily life and professional settings. It encompasses not only the form and content of speech but also its goal-orientedness and effectiveness. The importance of pragmatic discourse is immense, as it serves as the main tool for social interaction, information exchange, and influence [5].

Social Relations and Communication Pragmatic discourse plays a vital role in establishing and managing social relationships. Effective communication, understanding, and influence processes contribute to successful social interactions. Clear and precise speech creates the opportunity for mutual understanding and problem-solving. In workplaces or educational institutions, effective

communication strengthens collaboration between employees or students. Goal-oriented communication makes it easier to resolve issues quickly and achieve objectives.

Influence and Motivating People Pragmatic discourse plays a significant role in influencing people and impacting decision-making processes. Through speech, people motivate and encourage one another, helping them achieve their goals. The goal of speech is not only to convey information but also to influence the audience and encourage them to take specific actions. Lectures, speeches, or motivational talks are often used to inspire the audience, urging them toward achieving goals and engaging in practical activities [4].

Decision-Making and Problem-Solving Pragmatic discourse is an essential tool in the process of exchanging ideas, giving advice, and solving problems. Through effective speech, individuals listen to each other's thoughts and assist in making decisions. Discourse not only helps identify problems but also teaches how to resolve them and implement changes. Lawyers or advisory services use pragmatic discourse in their work to protect clients' rights and guide them in decision-making on complex legal matters. **Education and Training** Pragmatic discourse also holds significant importance in the effective implementation of education and training. Communication between teachers, mentors, students, and parents enhances the efficiency of the educational process. Speech not only serves as a medium of transmitting knowledge but is also an essential tool in teaching how to understand, interpret, and apply that knowledge. In classrooms or learning processes, pragmatic discourse helps teachers convey knowledge to students, facilitates exchange through questions and answers, and aids in improving understanding.

Social Change and Societal Development Pragmatic discourse plays a crucial role in bringing about social change. Through speech, people discuss important societal issues, express their opinions, and introduce new ideas that inspire future changes. Discourse helps shape societal values and norms. Political leaders and activists use speeches to implement changes, drawing public attention to social problems and guiding efforts to resolve them. **Development in Professional Communication** Pragmatic discourse is especially crucial in professional fields. Effective communication among professionals helps successfully execute projects, ensures agreement within workgroups, and optimizes processes within organizations. In the corporate sector, regular communication between managers and employees serves as a vital tool in decision-making, developing new strategies, and fostering teamwork [3].

The application of Rumi's ideas in life contributes to the spiritual, moral, and personal development of an individual. His key concepts such as love, patience, self-awareness, and inner peace help to make life more meaningful and fulfilling for every person. Rumi's works can be viewed not only as a philosophical perspective on life but also as a practical guide. Implementing Rumi's ideas in daily life not only aids in finding inner peace and happiness but also strengthens a person's connections within society.

Jalaluddin Rumi's works are renowned for their profound spiritual meaning, their elevation in understanding the human psyche, and their ideas on love and peace. His most famous work, the «Masnavi», along with other treatises, contains numerous quotes that are studied for their depth and significance [2].

CONCLUSION

Jalaluddin Rumi's works, enriched with numerous profound quotes, influence modern life with their ideas about spiritual growth, inner peace, and love. His teachings help individuals understand their inner world, manage their relationships with the external world, and transform themselves for the better. Studying Rumi's works not only fosters spiritual development but also encourages significant changes in everyday life. Jalaluddin Rumi's works and Sufi ideas not only have a profound impact in the past but continue to influence modern society. His philosophy helps open new opportunities in spiritual, religious, and social life. Rumi's ideas play a vital role not only in promoting spirituality but also in enhancing relationships between individuals, fostering peace and harmony in society, and supporting psychological well-being and spiritual growth. Furthermore, the aesthetic and mystical concepts in his poetry inspire new explorations in the arts. Promoting Rumi's ideas more broadly and applying them practically will not only elevate society but also advance humanity towards greater spiritual and moral growth.

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