

PHILOSOPHICAL AND HERMENEUTIC STUDY OF JALALUDDIN RUMI'S MASNAVI

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Abstract

Jalaluddin Rumi's Masnavi is one of the most profound mystical and philosophical works in Islamic literature. The Masnavi is deeply rooted in Islamic philosophy, particularly in the teachings of Sufism. In this article, a philosophical and hermeneutic analysis of Jalaluddin Rumi's Masnavi has been conducted, and the significance of the work in Sufi philosophy has also been revealed.

Keywords: Jalaluddin Rumi, Masnavi, mystical and philosophical works, Sufi philosophy, Shams Tabrizi, spiritual growth.

INTRODUCTION

Masnavi is a six-volume Sufi poetic epic that lies at the heart of Rumi's philosophy. The work explores the relationship between humans and God, spiritual growth, self-awareness, and the process of inner purification. Through numerous wisdoms, stories, and allegories, Masnavi illustrates the stages of the soul's spiritual journey and moral development.

Rumi's Masnavi plays a crucial role in conveying ethical, spiritual, and moral values to younger generations. The work encourages individuals to embody values such as love, patience, honesty, compassion, and forgiveness.

In Masnavi, Rumi portrays humans not only as beings connected to the external world but also as individuals striving for inner purification and spiritual elevation. This philosophy encourages young people to explore their inner worlds and cultivate self-discipline.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Rumi's Masnavi serves as a valuable source for shaping moral and ethical values in youth, fostering a positive outlook on life, and helping them grow into responsible members of society. The work enriches young minds spiritually, guiding them toward responding wisely to life's challenges and discovering their inner selves. Below are the key aspects of Masnavi's role in youth education [4].

Rumi places significant emphasis on moral enrichment in Masnavi. The work highlights high moral values such as love, honesty, patience, humility, and tolerance. Through Masnavi, young people learn to cultivate respect and compassion not only for themselves but also for others.

The ethical lessons within the text teach that life's hardships should be faced with patience and kindness.

Rumi states:

«Patience and humility are a person's greatest weapons. The way to escape external troubles lies within the peace of your heart» [3].

This teaching greatly influences the moral development of young individuals, helping them build inner peace, patience, and a strong foundation of ethical values.

Rumi's Masnavi encourages young people to embark on a spiritual journey of self-discovery and closeness to God. For the youth, this work serves as a guide to spiritual transformation, moral growth, and purification of the heart. Masnavi emphasizes the importance of inner cleansing and self-purification for achieving spiritual enlightenment.

The concept of self-discovery and connection with God is deeply embedded in Masnavi. It inspires young individuals to understand their life's purpose and strive for higher spiritual levels. Patience and inner tranquility hold great significance in Rumi's teachings. Masnavi encourages young people to approach difficulties and challenges with patience. Rumi illustrates the importance of inner peace through numerous stories and allegories, helping young individuals cope with modern-day stress and anxieties [1].

Rumi emphasizes:

«A person who has not found inner peace will struggle with the external world, remaining in spiritual poverty. True peace comes through patience and inner purity». Masnavi serves as a guide for young people to manage stress and anxiety, contributing to their psychological well-being [8].

Rumi's works, especially Masnavi, provide profound lessons on self-awareness, inner growth, and achieving spiritual perfection. Young individuals draw great inspiration from Masnavi to discover their true essence, develop their inner worlds, and strive toward higher goals. Masnavi urges individuals to seek inner purity, spiritual development, and self-awareness. This journey encourages young people to explore the deeper meaning of life and embrace ethical and spiritual growth. The process of self-development helps the younger generation live a life full of purpose and spirituality.

Rumi's Masnavi serves as a primary source for nurturing love and compassion. The work emphasizes the importance of bringing people closer together through love, overcoming obstacles, and strengthening social harmony. For young individuals, this idea is vital in fostering positive relationships, promoting compassion, and supporting peace within society [7].

Rumi's Masnavi has a profound spiritual and moral impact on youth education. The work encourages young individuals to develop ethical values, attain inner peace, grow spiritually, and promote social unity through love. Masnavi is not only a guide for spiritual elevation but also a philosophical masterpiece that inspires moral purity, inner strength, and self-development. Rumi's teachings play a significant role in helping young people explore their

inner world, enrich their moral character, and grow into responsible and compassionate members of society.

Jalaluddin Rumi's wise words are a great spiritual treasure on the path to purifying the heart, spiritual growth, and attaining moral perfection. His profound wisdom plays a crucial role in shaping young minds, fostering high ethical virtues, and helping them become socially responsible individuals. Each of Rumi's words offers deep philosophical and spiritual lessons on love, patience, self-awareness, and life's purpose, enriching young people's worldview and spiritual lives [6].

One of the central themes in Rumi's wisdom is self-awareness, inner growth, and striving for spiritual elevation. He encourages young people to embark on an inner journey to discover their hearts and unlock their hidden potential. Rumi's teachings serve as an important ethical and spiritual guide for the youth [5].

Rumi says:

«Look into your heart. The true value is hidden there. If you discover it, the meaning of everything in the world will change». This wise saying emphasizes the importance of self-awareness and inspires young people to explore their inner potential. Rumi suggests that without self-awareness, one cannot attain true happiness and peace. His wisdom helps young people look deeper into their inner world and fully unlock their capabilities. Rumi's wisdom promotes love and compassion, highlighting how love purifies the soul and enables harmony with the world. The values of love and kindness teach young people tolerance, understanding, and unity in society. Rumi says:

«Love is the light that illuminates every corner of this world. Through it, the human heart opens and overcomes all obstacles». This teaching helps cultivate love and kindness in young hearts, fostering respect and tolerance for others. Through love, people strengthen their relationships and contribute to peace and unity in society [3].

Patience and endurance hold a significant place in Rumi's wisdom. He teaches that challenges and hardships should be met with patience, as perseverance helps overcome life's obstacles. These lessons prepare young people to endure life's trials and find the right path forward. Rumi says:

«Patience is the first step to cleansing the heart. If you are patient, strength will emerge within you, and this strength will guide you through all difficulties». This wisdom explains the importance of patience in life. Through patience, young people can overcome hardships and achieve their goals. Developing patience protects them from frustration and builds emotional resilience. Rumi's wisdom encourages people to seek the true meaning of life, understand their essence, and find the right path. He advises youth to focus not on external success and material wealth but on spiritual growth and moral elevation [1]. Rumi says:

«Do not be distracted by worldly things. The true purpose is hidden in your heart. Once you discover it, all external matters will fall into place». This lesson teaches young people the importance of seeking deeper meaning in life and setting meaningful goals. It urges them to prioritize spiritual elevation over material wealth, helping them lead a purposeful life. Rumi's

wisdom encourages young people to develop virtues like humility and humanity. He teaches that one should avoid arrogance and show respect and modesty towards others. These qualities are essential in shaping individuals into respectful and ethical members of society. Rumi says: «Strength lies not in the eyes but in the heart. Humility is the greatest weapon of the heart, for one who is humble can never be defeated». This saying teaches young people to remain humble and avoid arrogance. Through humility, individuals can earn respect and positively influence society. This virtue plays a key role in helping young people grow into successful and impactful individuals [1].

CONCLUSION

The wise words in Jalaluddin Rumi's *Masnavi* have a profound spiritual and moral impact on shaping the minds of young people. They contribute to their moral development, nurture love and compassion, teach patience and perseverance, help them understand life's purpose, and cultivate the virtue of humility. Rumi's wisdom plays a significant role in shaping young individuals into ethically mature, socially responsible, and spiritually aspiring personalities. His teachings serve not only as a guide in education and upbringing but also as a lasting source of inspiration that positively influences the lives of young people.

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