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A Glimpse of Rumi

Mohammad Jalaluddin Rumi was famous as Maulana Balkhi commonly known as 'Rumi' because he lived in Rum (ancient Anotalia , or Asian Turkey and a part of the former Roman empire) and to the foreigners the English word 'Rumi' was very simple .

Rumi was born at Balkh (not it is a part of Afghanistan) on 30th September 1207. His mother tongue was Persia. He wrote his poetry in Persian language. His works are widely read in Iran. Aside from his Persian poetry, he also wrote some verses in Greek, Arabic and oghuz Turkish.

He mad pilgrimage with his family in child hood and wandered all around Nishapur, Baghdad and Damascus. At last he stayed in Qunya and settled there till the end of his life.

There he met a gentle, noble person called Darvish Shamsuddin Muhammad Tabrez, whose spiritual theology life changed his life completely. He left all old ways and joined Shamsuddin until now, he is recognized in western countries as the greatest literary and spiritual person of all time, Rumi

preached tolerance, made it easy to understand the knowledge by
"Love"

Rumi's father gave him a book about the enhancement of the soul in the material world. This meeting had a deep impact on Rumi's thoughts, which later on became the inspiration for his famous works.

The scholar not only loved and respected Rumi but also publicized and propagated his ritual verses and thoughts through their works on him.

Rumi's idea of love:-

"Our mother is love! Our father is love!

We are born from love! We are love!"

"All our loves constitute a bridge leading to the divine love. To love human beings means to love God".

Rumi's love and his being deprived of the death of Shams found their expressions in an outpouring of music, dance and lyrics poems, "Diwane" Febrizi. Maulana had automatically and naturally composed Ghazals.

He wrote Masnavi beginning with:-

"Listen to the reed and the tale it tells.

How it sings of separations "

The greatest mystical poet of Persia Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi died on 17th December 1273 at Qunya. Rumi was buried beside his father in a shrine. He belonged to a family of Jurists and scholars who dominated.

Rumi's main theme and target was spiritual solutions of humanity thought mystical and Sufi poets of Persian literature.

concept and abstract ideas were based on "unity is strength". He says that human spiritual life depends on his relationship with God and happiness until has recognized his need of God and has tried to reach out beyond himself towards "The source spirit" Love for humanity is the natural result of our love for God".

Rumi is considered an example of the perfect and complete Human being:

Rumi believed passionately in the use of music, poetry, wandering and dancing in his quest to reach God. He was the founder of the ' Molvi' (the whirling Dervishes) and created the ' Sema' their turning into a ritual form is sacred style form of this dance. He thought that by a mystical journey spiritual ascent through mind and love would be "perfect and complete" In this journey' the seeker symbolically turns towards the truth, great , maturity, love for service to the whole of creation without any difference of races, classes , colours and nations. In the immortal Masnavi , Rumi elaborates on his whole mystical system for the union of human being with God . It was Rumi's main intention to spread love to all with no discrimination between sufi or Christian or Jew or Zoroastrian . He believed that it was the highest state of a human being to be fully evolved in the affaire of another human being.

The example of Rumi's unity of all beliefs:-

A humanist is bound by perfect human is not born by cultural limitations, but touches every one of us.

Regarding humanity's love Rumi wanted to say that there are different forms of love. When someone discusses the love of man for his creator, it helps if he starts by thinking of the relationship of a plant to the sun. The life of the plant depends on the sun and 'its' whole being responds to the rays which bring the life giving powers of the sun to the earth.

A man's spiritual life depends on his relationship with God. When someone learns to pray with dedication he can draw upon the spiritual blessing that flow from the source of love, mercy and unity.

His mystical relationship with Islam produces master pieces that have marked Islamic culture and religious beliefs.

The eminent philosopher i.e, Rumi's influence on all succeeding generations of Sufis has been profound. All have unanimously heaped praise on him for his excellent and outstanding work.

Among the many honours placed on him none can match the sincerity and power of the meaningful words penned out by him by the late sir Mohammad Iqbal .

Nowadays, Rumi's poems can be heard in Synagogues, Zen monasteries, Churches, as well as in down town New York. Today, in this world full of misery and sorrow, pain and suffering.

The spiritual influence of Rumi is being felt by people of diverse beliefs through out the world . indeed, the world of today needs a Rumi to create an attitude of hope and to kindle the fire of enthusiasm for life.

Teaching of Rumi.

The general theme of his thoughts, like that of the other mystics and sufi poems of the Persian literature, is to encourage us to look after our physical , as well as mental particularly our spiritual health . The effect of the body, mind and soul on one another are so great, that we should try to keep them all healthy if we wish to have happy and well balanced lives and we must remember that prayer is food for the happy soul.

Rumi gave a story message of universal love:-

The lover' religious and nationality is in the beloved (God).

The lover's cause is separate form all other causes love is the astrolable of God's mysteries.

"Let the beauty of our love be in what we love"

"Let the lover be disgraceful, crazy or absent minded".

"someone sabre will worry about events going on badly let the lover be"

The humanitarian and spiritual principles enunciated:-

"Beware of prejudice, light is good in whatsoever lamp it is burning arose is beautiful in whatsoever garden it may bloom .A star has the same radiance whether it shines in the East or in the West".

Rumi's mission and words teach us, how to have inner happiness and to achieve true global peace and harmony. We are told Rumi's biographer that odes were composed extempore, which the poet in a trance slowly rotated about a column in the Mevlevi monastery at Qunya.