

# CONSIDERING THE FUNCTION AND EFFECT OF COMPANIONSHIP AT ISLAMIC MYSTICISM

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**ABSTRACT:** Any person demands his happiness and perfection. Among different ways of achieving human perfection and happiness that is paid attention by all divine religions and attempt of the world's righteous such as prophets, mystics and wise people is companionship with righteous that is very affecting. Great mystics such as Molavi and Ibnarabi have benefited the speech of righteous a lot. Great mystics, those who are acquaintance with secrets and punctilio of the world have stated virtues and traditions and tools and quality of companionship. In their belief anyone who finds anything found it from righteous speech. Divine knowledge and his help, intimacy with God, human happiness and perfection, spiritual transcendent and human brightness, strengthening food ethics and attributes, changing bad ethics to good ethics, creating spirit of hope and happiness, creating affection, friendship and brotherhood, finding secrets and punctilio of the world, education, rising to righteous requiem, increasing enlightenment and wisdom, goodness and beneficence, science and wisdom of thralldom and true worship and changing arrogance to arrogance can be counted as the result of this research.

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## INTRODUCTION:

Human, the flower of the nature, in passing through this soil world to the land of light and reaching his final perfection, needs companionship with righteous who are familiar with the realities of affairs. Eternal fortune is at interlacing with righteous, deficient creatures reach perfection due to companionship and accompanying with them and release from bad features and their moods get well.

MohyedinIbnarabi the noticeable character of Islamic mysticism perceived position of many great professors and exploited the mercy of their soalmolanaJalalodin Mohammad Molavi, after visiting Shams Tabrizi could release from himself and fly toward the God. Also the old man of the way khajehAbdollah Ansari famous to "old man of Harat" and "old man of Ansar" and "khajehabdollah Ansari" and "Ansari Heravi", scientist and mystic of fifth century was companion with a kind and good character mother. As he says: I wrote Hadis at night, there wasn't any time to eat. My mother morsel bread and put it in my mouth while writing [1] he visited many elders and righteous such as Sheikh AbolhasanKharghani the famous Iranian mystic and Sufi of the fifth century and due to companionship with his he wrote spring of the water of life that ravished and joined God. As he said: Abdollah was a desert man, he went to find life, reached Sheikh AbolhasanKharghani and found water of life, he eat as became unconscious, not abdollah remained nor kharghani, thus what remained? If you have you know! He was a hidden treasure and key of that treasure was in hand of Kharghani and he said: know the profit of both worlds at the speech of wise people [2].

Regarding the function and importance of companionship with righteous, this paper is going to consider the subject by inspiring concepts of Quran and holly narrations and ethical and mystical texts especially masnavimanavi of the Rumi as the most sublime mystical poem in order to be luminous of the way of posterity and followers of the right way and seekers of human happiness and perfection.

## IMPORTANCE OF COMPANIONSHIP IN THE REFLECTION OF QURAN AND NARRATION:

Quran is a speech that is healing of the heart of mystics[3], cover of acquaintances' secret, and food of friends' soul, cure of disables' pain. Quran is the lighting of heart and soul and rescue of people is in accepting it and acting to it[3].

Amiralmomenan Ali said: learn Quran that is spring of hearts and seek healing from its light that heals hearts and read it well that is the most useful story [4] and it is quoted from him: no one became companion with Quran unless it added to him or decreased from him, added in his guiding and decreased from his misleading [5].

Many verses in Quran have mentioned the importance of speaking with righteous such as in the verse 27 of Kahfsura he says: be companion with those who are busy for thralldom and praisin God and seek satisfaction of the friend and also in the verse 27 of the suraTobeh he invites believers to righteousness of God and companionship with righteous and truthful.

In the narrations companionship with righteous has also flashed up and its example is the narration that is quoted from the prophet: your God during your life has fresh smell, thus don't put yourself exposed to them[6]. in Rumi's belief these smells are the soul of religious brothers who proceeded in other brothers, their soul and viewpoints and interlacing with them is the smelling, mercy and robe of God and profited[7]. Said the prophet that: smelling of God brings retrospective in these days

Be aware of these days; abduct such smelling [7].

## THE EFFECT OF COMPANIONSHIP ON LIFE OF MYSTICS:

Regarding the function and importance of companionship, most great sufi, didn't advice passing religious way without guidance of the old man of the way and know it dangerous and the cause of misleading:

Don't cut this step without companionship of the God, it is darkness fear the danger of misleading [8].

A glance to the memoir of great people of mysticism, shows the depth of this effect well but since considering life of all mystics demands more opportunity we mention part of the effect of companionship and empathy of goods at spiritual transcendence of Sheikh MohedinIbnArabi the full representative of Islamic mysticism and Rumi the mystic of Islam world and acquaintance of pious people, who took benefit of the speech of the saints of God and people of wisdom and companionship with them:

Sheikh MohyedInbnArabi, famous to sufi "AlsheikhAlakbar" jurisconsult and learned mystic is really the surprising of human generation, rare of life and trophies of the effects and is unique at travelers of the religious way and seekers of reality and enthusiast to asceticism and retreat that undoubtedly that in the history of asceticism and Islamic mysticism no one can be compared to him in knowledge, dimensions of information, multiplicity of professors and number of compilations and songs. The family of IbnArabi was a well-known family of their era at originality and nobility, wealth and property, esteem and glory and science and piety, asceticism. IbnArabi during childhood and beginning of youth was exposed to divine smelling and grant and benefited taste and rejoicing and discovery. He at any time and place that became aware of the existence of an aware professor have went toward him enthusiastically. Due to attempt he became successful to perceive the position of high rank professors and benefited the mercy of companionship with them [9].

Rumi, the famous mystic of the era of childhood has benefited companionship with righteous a lot, the father of Rumi was Bahavalad repeated the name of "god" all the time and thought about "God" permanently, Rumi became great and immersed himself at the love of father who immersed in "God". In this home, anything was immersed in light of God. Anything had a soul that seemed the soul of "God" and filed his whole body of the enthusiasm of visiting "god".

In Hejira of the father from Balkh to pilgrimage song, father speech, makes easy leaving his land, the land of calm happiness and innocently excitement of childhood. The speech of Sheikh Faridodin Attar "the well speech old man" the sufi poet of Neishabour, had gracious effect on him. Sheikh Attar found the sense of interest in him about the child of Bahavalad. He surprised from his spiritual and thoughtful mood of him, in the shadow of his believing intelligence found that he is a man superior to usual people and promised Bahavalad that this child will soon make fire at the burnt off the world and passion will be created among travelers of religious way. Attar gave the version of masnavi of the Asrarnameh to this divine Child that was the effect of his youth. For Rumi this present was divine.

Rumi in companionship with the Shams tabrizi the famous mystic of Iran had got the opportunity during these days to pass a sufi limit and by passing through positions of death, to achieve divine survival from joining anything that is he. Speech of Shams and Attar and Anayi has had a wonderful effect on Rumi poems. Masnavi the simplest and richest poem of Rumi that is also counted as the greatest mystical poem in the history is his human sol itinerary. In returning to

the origin, epic return that is complaint and narration of reed is its motivation[10].

Hear how this reed tales, complaints about separation I want heart to be torn by separation to say the enthusiasm pain

The person who is far from his priggling, don't seek the day of his joining [11].

#### **QUALITY OF THE EFFECT OF COMPANIONSHIP:**

Human nature is in a way that is affected by the characteristics of their companions. As in is mentioned in Masnavi: good and attributes transfer from one heart to another hidden. Human heart without any faces in heart steals attributes of his companion, because human nature is affecting and takes the features of his companion:

By companionship without his speech, the heart steals the features hidden (2636/5)

Molla Ahmad Naraghi the writer and specialist of Islamic science of 12 century in explaining the secret of this feature of human nature says: human nature is thief and the thing he sees from another person repeatedly accept and the secret is that the human soul has some power that tend to goodness and some to badness and undoubtedly companionship with any attribute causes strengthening of that attribute[12]. therefore KhajehNasirodinToosi advices:" don't be companion with wicked that your nature steals his features and you neglect it"[13], therefore speech of pious scientist and righteous and travelers of the way of God by the mercy of their soul, makes their mood well [14]. and companionship with developed people cause human development and companionship with seducers is the barrier of the way of perfection:

Speech with righteous make you righteous, fortune speech make you lucky [15].

Not only attributes of people are transferring to others but attributes of animals and plants and even natural phenomenon is transferring., as for example due to education of people animals are also educated. For example wild horse becomes domestic and companion of the Kahf, an attribute affected their dog due to which they seeked God:

One feature affected on their dog that seeked Allah because of that [7].

Features of plants is in a way that is affected by companionship, as a auto growing tree can't be equal with the tree that gardener grow it. Khajehabdollah Ansari says: speak with righteous that is affecting, copper became gold due to speech with god, and the core of date went in hand of farmer became tree and as firewood became ash:

The prayer can be read again but the speech of companions can't be done again [2].

Rumi says: when an honest righteous is the companion of emphatic friends and friends of the religious way, he reaches perfection, and the effect of companionship is to the limit that even soil of tomb of honorable gets spiritual attributes and righteous rub that soil on their eyes like purl. Are you more ignoble than soil, of course not, because the soil of dead due to the companionship and accompanying of spring season gets many colorful blossoms?

His soil gets spiritual attributes and becomes purl of eyes of dears

Are you ignoble than soil? As soil became companion with spring it got one hundred thousand colors[7].

Therefore, when companionship in natural phenomenon is affected companionship of a believer with another believer will be affective a lot [16].

### CAUSE OF COMPANIONSHIP:

The cause of companionship is gender, thus anyone who meets goods and demands their companionship, is the reason of his goodness and anyone who is companion with bad people and searches their success is the sign of badness [17].

Generally any good phenomenon attracts another good phenomenon and naturally any bad phenomenon attracts his homogeneous. The people of hell attract infernal people toward themselves also the people of light and guidance demand people of light. Because prophets are created from eminence people's gender therefore their soul and heart fly toward eminence world:

Righteous attract righteous glory people demand glory ones  
Because prophets are eminence they became heart and soul of eminent[7].

Congruence is in behavior not face that is the losses of any materialist mind or wise people is that congruence among two or some things is not in apparent form but in his behavior and attributes. The origin of proximity and privacy and solidarity of heart is achieved so many times that two people don't talk the same language but attract each other by heart and become beloved:

Thus confidant language is anything else, empathy is better than talking the same language[7].

### COMPANIONSHIP CUSTOM:

Observing politeness and anything is so-called a queen in person that prevents him from ugly works. This word in mysticism expression is from the verse: "those who save the limit of God" and also it is said from Nabavi narration : "my God made me polit and how well punished me"[18].

The reality of politeness is collection of good attributes and scholar is the person that good attributes is collected in him [18] since the condition of benefiting mercy of companionship is observing politeness and respect, sufi elders have made some conditions and customs for it:

Sohravardi is the most famous sufi sheikh that has lived between 542 to 632 lunar. In the book of Avarefolmaaref, preserving the respect of Sheikh, good sociability with brothers, advising smaller people and leaving speech with the one who is not in their class and attendance, sacrifice and avoiding humiliation and helping in the affair of religion and world are counted as the customs of speech[19]. In the view of Ali JalabiHojviriGhaznavi entitled as Data Ganjbakhsh is the mystic of fifth century observing rank of companionship is an important action that should be paid attention at companionship. Therefore, it is necessary that elders should be known as fathers and respected and cognates should be known as brothers and they should have good companionship and also their children should be behaved kindly[20].

And AzizodinNasafi is the significant Persian writer of mystic of seventh century mentioned optimistic mood as a condition of companionship and believed that traveler of the

way of God is competent of companionship that generally is purified from bad ethic and adorned to good ethic. He adds" when you reach to the speech of dervishes you should speak little and don't answer the question they ask and if they ask something and you don't know the answer you should say soon that I don't know and you are not ashamed and if you know the answer you should say the brief and beneficial answer and don't lay down and not struggle and not be proud among dervishes and not be high-flying but sacrifice"[21].

### GOOD AND BAD COMPANIONSHIP:

In mystical works, good companions and their attributes are mentioned to be proper guidance for seekers of good companionship. The righteous who were in their presence is a success that should be recognized are the wise people as AzizodinNasafi says:" work has wise speech. Anyone who find, find it from wise speech, all of these austerity and these customs and numerous condition is for this reason that traveler of the way of God is competent for wise speech that the traveler as became competent for wise speech, the work of traveler finished"[21].

And other good companions are real friends that due to their companionship, many secrets are found because forehead of friend is the center of wisdom and manifest secret of both worlds for seeking reality:

The friend when is companion with the friend one hundred secret is known

The forehead of friend is a saved cover; manifest its secret [7].

And others are seeker of fact, as Rumi said: spiritual boy, if you see anyone at the state of demanding, become his friend and be humble. Because you by companionship with the people of seeking will be at the realm of seekers and under the shadow of mystics ruling soul you will be dominant on your soul:

Anyone you see as seeker boy, become his friend, sacrifice yourself

If you seek companionship with seekers, you will dominate your soul [7].

Also good companion are scientist that Loghman Hakim said:" be companion with scientist that hearts become alive by wisdom, as dead land to great raindrop"[19].

And others are prophets of God who died from their body and remained to observing God and they may not be beneficent and be calm with except God, [1] companionship with them is like elixir that changes copper of the existence of human into gold:

Companionship with them is like elixir because you are elixir in their view, where is him?[7].

The prophet Isa was asked, Ruhollah whom we should be companion? Said: with the person who seeing him remind you seeing God and the one that by his speech adds your science and the one that his action encourages to hereafter [19].

Of course the goal and end of companionship with righteous is that traveler is competent for companionship with the God and at this step traveler find that the origin and source of all beauties, goodness and perfection, greatness is him, therefore leaving it and so Rumi says:

Love the one who is alive, who is butler because of your job adding wine

Choose the love of person that prophets found work because of his love [19].

Because the person who became companion with beauty of God is painful and boring that someone come and talk about the reality with him. For example as lover joined beloved and became a companion with him he didn't need meddler and should put them aside naturally:

As you became companion with beloved, avoid the dealers thereafter [19].

Therefore, we should be friend with someone who created friendship and has grown good features of prophets:

Be friend with someone who created a friendship, the one who grew features of prophets [19].

And finally Sheikh abolhasan Kharghani said well: "talk with God, or don't create that the god is visual and friendly and the one who you are proud of is God and being talked and heard is God"[22].

The mystics besides explaining benefits of companionship with righteous, emphasized avoiding foolish people: Imam JafarSadegh says: don't be companion with 5 people: one the person who tells lie that you are proud of his lie and because it is mirage that closes far to you and further close. Second is fool that you don't benefit it when he wants to benefit you will be hurt from his foolish. Third one is jealous people that when you need them they leave you alone. Fourth malevolent that in tie of severity leaves you and rescues him. Fifth one lecher that he sells you to food or less than it[22].

Rumi in Masnavi says: the person that speech of worldly friends wastes his beloved life, he won't appreciate the life and don't take the benefit of life spring. Like the one who don't cultivate proper seed at winter or spring and what benefit does he have from spring and its value?

The person who neglect spring cultivation, what he knows about price of this life[7].

Friendship with foolish causes losing elegance and spirituality of soul. Thus as kindness of foolish appears in heart be aware and escape from him and or don't talk to him at all and don't be companion with him:

Bad friend whom his kindness grows in you, escape from him and talk to him less[7].

In the view of Hafe, the first elder advice that traveler of the way of god needs is that avoid incompatible speech that companionship is effective. He also introduces avoiding companionship with bad-tempered friend as elixir of happiness:

The first advice of the elder of speech is that avoid companionship with foolish

I teach you the elixir of fortune, that break up with bad companion [8].

### CONCLUSION:

The result of this research denotes the deep effect of companionship with righteous at fortune and perfection of human and companionship with bad people is in his misery. Quran has emphasized the importance of speaking with righteous and advices companionship with prayers, honest people and righteous and in the view of narrations soul of

religious brothers and their companionship is a divine mercy that should be seized.

Mystics have emphasized companionship with righteous and avoiding bad people and also their life denotes the depth of effect of righteous speech at passing human evolution process and achieving wisdom and divine revelation that the perfection of fortune is he. Human due to companionship with righteous gets spiritual fortune and real luck and joins God. The one who is companionship with righteous and reaches the rank of righteous.

At the end some mercies and benefits of companionship with righteous ha mentioned in a list and also good and bad companions are introduced briefly so that it will be a proper strategy for the public people of the society and specially families in order not to be worried for the future of their children and be eager to their fortune and happiness:

A-virtue and blessing of companionship with righteous:

Bringing up with others and joining god, divine wisdom and his help, Intimacy with God, fortune and perfection of human, spiritual sublimation and brightness of human existence, strengthening good ethics and attributes, changing bad ethics to good ethics, creating hope spirit and happiness, creating friendship and brotherhood, searching secret of life, education, rising to elegy of righteous, adding enlightenment and light of mind, goodness and beneficence, science and wisdom of thralldom and servitude and changing arrogance to deism.

### B) GOOD COMPANIONS:

The God, prophet of God and elders of the way of religion, travelers of the way of God, developed people, mystics, scientist, wise people, sympathetic friends, righteous, ascetics and righteous, prayers and chanters, demanders of reality and seekers of science and wisdom, truthful, real friends, religious and believing brothers, owners of good ethics and politeness.

### C-BAD COMPANIONS:

Companions lacking ethical perfection, owners of bad ethic and without religion, incomplete people, worldly friends and greedy of world, evils and miscreants, criminals, fool friend, liars, seducers, jealous people and bad hearted, righteous and wicked people, evil people, foolish friends.

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