

Medicine and Related Matters in the Mathnavi of Galaluddin Mohammad Mowlavi Rumi

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Abstract

Mowlavi gave great significance to external medicine with a great importance. And as it appears in his books, he had enough knowledge of the physical sicknesses, its symptoms and its treatments. And mostly he was using this information for clarifying the spiritual experiences and the moral matters. And he considered the research science taken from the prophets inspiration as the medicine and the astronomy, and he speaks in the Mathnavi about Plateau and Gallinus, and he sees that Gallinus was a complete model of the physician and in the knowledge of medicine and the delving into the treatment of patients. It is mentioned that his books in medicine, the anatomy and the medicines and the treatments and the preservation of health were known amongst the Muslims. And after Gallinus Avicena shows a model of the skilled doctor and Mowlavi falls under his effect strongly in the medical issues. Mowlavi speaks about two kinds of physicians: Physicians of the body and those of the spirit and he uses a great amount of medical terms.

He speaks about spiritual or psychological medicine and concludes that Avicena and Baghdad doctors in the East preceded Sigmond Freud and his proverbs by centuries in this field.

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