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An Analysis of Fakhreddin Razi's view on Ultimate Happiness

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Abstract

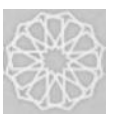
Happiness is a multifaceted issue which is discussed in various sciences from different perspectives. The research method in this article is descriptive-analytical. The purpose of this study is to investigate the ultimate happiness as the highest stage of happiness from the perspective of Fakhreddin Razi. In his various works, and in particular in *Al-Tafsir al-Kabir*, he has spoken of various criteria for achieving spiritual happiness, the most important of which are abandoning evil deeds and doing necessary things, pure annihilation of one's being, attaining the four attributes of faith, migration, jihad with wealth and soul, attaining God's love, gaining knowledge of the essence, divine attributes and deeds, knowing the right acts such as goodness and good deeds, gaining knowledge of the highest degree of divine glory and honor, manifestation of divine glory for the servant, immersion in divine knowledge, immersion in worship of God and turning away from those other than God. Fakhreddin has certainly been influenced by the great thinkers of his time in the Islamic tradition such as al-Farabi, al-Muskawiyah, and Ibn Sina. However, he has been more influenced by al-Ghazali than other thinkers.

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Extended abstract

1. Introduction:

Happiness is one of the issues that all human beings consciously or unconsciously desire. First, all human beings want a higher life free from human imperfections in the near and distant future.

Second, happiness is one of the multi-faceted issues that different sciences such as ethics, philosophy of ethics, philosophy, theology, interpretation, sociology, and psychology deal with. We can explore different aspects of happiness, e.g., we can discuss its nature, types, characteristics, and rules, as well as how to achieve happiness. In addition, we can examine all of these issues from the perspective of a particular school, and even more precisely from the perspective of a particular thinker.

The main issue of this research is what is Fakhreddin Razi's view about Ultimate happiness?

To investigate this issue, the following question questions are required to be answered:

- What is meant by happiness in this research?
- What are the criteria of Fakhreddin Razi for the ultimate happiness?
- What was the influence of Fakhreddin Razi on the great thinkers of his time such as Farabi, Muskawiyah, Ibn Sina and Ghazali?

Hence, we do not discuss the ultimate happiness, as well as its types and rules and mostly refer to the research background of this article.

2. Research method:

The present research uses descriptive-analytical method by studying a series of ar-

ticles on the issue of the ultimate happiness and expressing the views of different personalities and the works of Fakhreddin Razi, especially Tafsir Kabir.

3. Results:

In this study, ultimate happiness refers to the highest level of happiness that an individual or a community can achieve. Fakhreddin examines the ultimate happiness in his various works, especially in different sections of his famous book "Tafsir" (interpretation).

The most important criteria he proposed about the happiness of Qaswa are:

1- Leaving the wrong things and doing the right things

Fakhreddin explained his view on the ultimate happiness in the following interpretation of the verse, "Who believe in the unseen and establish the (daily) prayer; who spend what we have provided them. (Chapter 2, Verse3)."

Man's perfection and happiness can be achieved only by abandoning ugly and indecent things and doing good and necessary things.

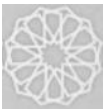
2- Gaining the love of God

According to Fakhreddin Razi, for man to achieve glorious happiness, God's love must be rooted in his heart.

3- Achieving four attributes (faith, migration, jihad with wealth and soul)

In some other sections, Fakhreddin stated in the precious interpretation of "Al-Kabir" that ultimate happiness is the realization of the highest rank of happiness and perfection and the attainment of the four attributes of faith, migration, and jihad with wealth and soul.

4- Knowledge of the essence, attributes and divine activity



Fakhreddin Razi considered knowledge of the essence, attributes and divine actions as the highest level of happiness.

5- Knowledge of the highest degree of divine glory and honor

According to Fakhreddin, the goal of ultimate happiness and the ultimate degrees of the prophets and saints is their attainment of the glorious teachings. He pointed out that people cannot percept the essence of God in the knowledge of the divine essence. Thus, the ultimate goal of divine knowledge is the knowledge of negative attributes or relational attributes.

6- Manifestation of divine glory for the servant

According to Fakhreddin, the highest degree of divine meeting is the manifestation of divine glory for the servant and the illumination of the divine light in the servant's soul.

7- Recognition of the right acts and goodness

From Fakhreddin's point of view, the happiness of the rational soul is in knowing the right as such and knowing the good and acting based on it.

8- Immersion in divine knowledge

According to Fakhreddin, the highest degree of happiness is when enjoying blessings, all the man's attention is focused on donor instead of blessings, and in times of calamity, instead of paying attention to calamities, he turns to the God as its origin.

9- Knowledge of lordship and servitude in the perfect form

Fakhreddin believes that to achieve the highest degree of happiness, one must know God and in practice, one must have the highest level of worship towards God.

10- Immersion in worship and divine worship and turning away from those other than God

According to the principles of Fakhreddin Razi, the highest degree of human happiness is to avoid those other than God and immerse oneself in the worship of God.

11- Pure indulgence

According to Fakhreddin, pure annihilation of the soul is the highest degree of human happiness, and the perfection of the believer is that he begins with servitude and finally achieves pure annihilation of his soul.

From the eleven criteria that we talked about, the highest stage of happiness from Fakhreddin Razi's point of view, =only the first three criteria - leaving the wrong things and doing the right things, pure self-destruction and achieving the four attributes (faith, migration, jihad with wealth and soul), he refer to matters that are not directly related to God, but all the remaining elements refer to the existence of the knowledge of God, and this indicates the prominent role that God plays in explaining the issue of ultimate happiness.

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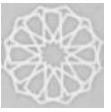
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