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**THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE AND RATIONALISM IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF FIRDAVSI**

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**Abstract:** This article is devoted to the analysis of epistemological and rationalistic ideas in the philosophy of Firdavsi. Shahnameh is a book full of traditions, beliefs, national customs, patriotism, Iranian culture and civilization. Thought and idea in the Shahname always revolve around reason and rationalism and teach an intellectual lesson to readers. Hakim Firdavsi himself is a rationalist and prudent. With deep thought, he begins his deeds (Shahnameh) in the name of the God of soul and wisdom. Rationalism constitutes its intellectual infrastructure.

**"Let the mind be your guide,**

**You will be the deliverer from evil."**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Reason (wisdom) and in the ancient letter of Firdavsi transcends all things. In Firdavsi's vision, success and prosperity mean following the one who has wisdom, and in the poet's workshops, thoughts, joys and sorrows are measured by the presence or absence of wisdom and rationalism. Wisdom is known as in good deeds, the best attributes, the best cultures, the means of fighting demons and evil, the refinement of the body and soul, and the comfort of life.

The concept of wisdom of Firdavsi and its connection with the theory of the Ismailis is completely different. His intention of wisdom is human wisdom and has nothing to do with the absolute intelligence of the Ismailis. Firdavsi recognizes wisdom as the source of the development of the soul of the scientist, the navigator of the seekers of guidance. So Firdavsi believes that there is no reason to tear wisdom from the heart, because it leads to glory and the ultimate prosperity of man. Wisdom, according to Firdavsi, is the property of all beauty, goodness, a mentor of a person on the right path and an element

of salvation in the afterlife. Firdavsi usually considers a person to be a respected being; a wise person is a person who accepts intellect and considers wisdom higher.

### **THE MAIN RESULTS AND FINDINGS**

In the Shahnameh, the world is based on reason and wisdom, which were first created by God. Whatever is in the universe based on wisdom comes from divine inspiration. And the one who lacks wisdom is in the realm of madness, because the universe can be ruled by the power of wisdom and can own the entire universe by the power of wisdom. The masterpiece of God's creation is wisdom and, consequently, the masterpiece of Shahnameh is wisdom. Wisdom is the most valuable dress that creation has ever considered worthy of human growth. In the spiritual world, wisdom is also the essence of insight and the soul. Therefore, Firdavsi believes that if wisdom claims something for no reason, it will cause displeasure and inconvenience. Firdavsi's consideration of wisdom has characteristics, including: justice, the means of understanding good and evil, crowns of kings and decorations of celebrities, knowledge of the secrets of being, fear of perfection. As in the Shahnameh, wisdom has two foundations: Justice and tolerance, which are important religious teachings.

If reason and faith are united in the Shahnameh, spiritual wisdom can be traced in the lyrics. According to Firdavsi, anyone who has spiritual wisdom deserves praise, even if he is an enemy. The reason is that in the poetry of Firdavsi reason is associated with religion.

In the understanding of Firdavsi, wisdom, on the one hand, is the highest level of human knowledge and enlightenment, and on the other hand, it also represents a high level of morality and self-awareness of a person. Of course, wisdom is associated with knowledge and science are synonymous. Wisdom is also explained and interpreted in the meaning of reason, knowledge, consciousness, understanding, acquired (acquired) experience and insight, innate understanding and individual capabilities of a person. From a scientific and professional point of view, knowledge is a sufficient reflection of reality, which appears in the form of ideas, concepts, categories, reasoning, conclusions and theories. However, when Firdavsi speaks of wisdom, he means a high level of knowledge and understanding of a person and considers this to be synonymous with intelligence. That is why Hakim Tus wrote the Shahnameh, first of all, in order to raise the level of self-consciousness, consciousness and wisdom of the Eastern people, and thus change and develop the national statehood in accordance with the ethnic will. In this sense, Firdavsi appeals to people of wisdom and reminds at the beginning of the Shahnameh that wise people (wise and intelligent) are aware of the meaning and symbolism of history (called the Shahnameh) and make a text that is meaningful to others a reality.

### **Epistemology in the Shahnameh**

In the part "A word about reason", the poet praises the human mind, which is worthy of being the first to be sung, since according to Firdavsi, the salvation and comfort of a person in the earthly world and the other world can be found through the mind. If a person is unable to control his mind, then all the deeds of a person can hurt his heart. According to Firdavsi, a person's attitude towards you depends on your own mind, if your actions proceed using your mind, then the reasonable will take you for a reasonable one, fools for a fool. Reason is what elevates us in both worlds.

"Only in the mind is happiness, trouble without it,  
Only reason is wealth, need without it.

The human mind, according to Firdavsi, is the origin of everything, and the mind guards the human heart through three guards: hearing, sight and speech.

“He is the first among the eternal creatures of the Creator,

He guards the triple guards of the heart.

Hearing, sight and speech are your three guardians:

And you will know good and evil through them.

The value of knowledge in Islam is so great that the first word that God sent to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) was the word: “read”. Without a doubt, the value of a person in the Qur'an lies in the possession of knowledge that frees him from ignorance and neglect. Hakim Abulqasim Firdavsi - Iranian epic poet in his literary masterpiece (Shahname), which

It represents culture, experience and Iranian thoughts, calls all people to rationality, knowledge, piety, justice and other human spirituality. Shahnameh Firdavsi invites everyone to higher intelligence, knowledge, courage, freedom and liberation. and good deeds. Shahnameh is a book that Hakim Firdavsi begins with the praise of the soul and wisdom and ends it with the name of Almighty God.

The title of Hakim given to Firdavsi was attributed to his knowledge.

According to Firdavsi, knowledge leads to opportunities. Shahnameh considers strength and greatness to be intelligence. Dynamics and development are only possible with wisdom, integrity and learning. For Firdavsi, Knowledge of opinions is the grace of God, which is given to whomever he desires. Knowledge keeps mankind from evil and from militancy and committing sins. Nevertheless, human knowledge is against the infinite glory of God and the praise worthy of his cripple. Firdavsi encourages all people to acquire knowledge and warns people against avoiding the knowledge of science. He recommends that they always study in any place, but he forbids acquiring knowledge mixed with greed. And he considers vanity to be one of the most important factors hindering the assimilation of knowledge.

Firdavsi is one of the great poets of the 10th century and became famous for his masterpiece Shahnameh. It is correct to call "Shahnameh" a work of history, masculinity, self-knowledge, patriotism and ethics. If so, what moral and ethical ideas of the optimistic poet can be used in today's life?

In general, manners and morals are considered one of the most important issues at all times, they are the basis of peace and security, progress, culture and culture. If you look at life through the eyes of wisdom, then every action deserves a certain reward. Firdavsi observes this divine miracle and describes it in his poem.

The poet even recommends doing good to bad people, these words teach us one of the good human qualities in life - forgiveness. Man will forever remain in the world not by his state and power, but by his good name. So why not be noble, smart, modest and a mirror for others.

The tradition says: "It is easy to become a scientist, but it is difficult to become a man." Yes, to become a scientist, you need to read hundreds of works; to become a man, you need to give up hundreds of bad deeds, endure hundreds of hardships, help hundreds of fallen people and be grateful for hundreds of harsh lifestyles.

The praise of wisdom, science and knowledge occupies a prominent place in Firdavsi's Shahnameh. The poet begins the work with a description of wisdom and emphasizes that wisdom, as a conductor of human life, guides people on the right path. Yes, because the source of all happiness depends on intelligence and knowledge. Power, reputation and prestige also come from wisdom.

## CONCLUSION

In a word, all the shahbayts of the sage Firdavsi Tusi serve as a school of morals for us, the readers of the book. Although centuries have passed since the Shahnameh was written, this masterpiece has not lost its scientific and philosophical value and will continue to help future generations. With his diligence and patient actions, the poet was able to establish his name in Eastern philosophy.

In the final part of his epic, Firdavsi confidently says that the day will come when Shahnameh will be read everywhere and its author will be honored.

The philosophy of "Shahnameh" is a truly universal and universal worldview and wisdom. Firdavsi's spiritual pride was due precisely to the feeling of this meaning. To this end, he spent 35 years of his life writing this book.

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