



TRANSCENDENT PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE:
A DEDUCTIVE
SYNTHESIS ACCORDING TO THE TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM
MULLA SADRA SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

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OVERVIEW

Philosophy: Why?

Medicine and Human Beings

Scientific Medicine Deficiency

Avicenna and Mulla Sadra

The Present Study



MEDICINE AND HUMAN BEINGS

Medicine is dependent to definition of human being
in all existential dimensions.



BACKGROUND: SCIENTIFIC MEDICINE DEFICIENCY

- “Scientific medicine in America
- young, vigorous and positivistic
- is today **sadly deficient** in
- **cultural and philosophic background.”**

Abraham Flexner (1925, 18; 1927; 1940) as cited in Khajeazad et al., 2020



BACKGROUND

- Major periods in philosophy of medicine:
 - art, science and business of medicine.
- the current DISEASE CARE of USA, NOT “*health care*.”
- the developing countries MUST avoid this philosophy
- and MUST reconstruct the philosophical foundation of medical care and education according to their:
 - needs, culture and values.

Hossain Ronaghy (2013) as cited in Khajeazad et al., 2020



In recent two decades, aim of research on philosophy of medicine

(Svenaeus 2000; Seifert 2004; Pellegrino 2008; Marcum 2008; Tountus 2009; Nor Hanafi 2011; Sadegh-Zadeh 2012, 2015; Sloane 2015; Schramme and Edwards 2017; Thompson and Upshur 2018).

as cited in Khajeazad et al., 2020

RE-HUMANIZATION OF MECHANISTIC AND MODERN MEDICINE



MODERN MEDICINE: DEFICIENCY

Human bodies as machines
Physician as a technician

Jerome Tosam (2014, 75–84)

as cited in Khajeazad et al., 2020



MEDICINE AND HUMAN BEINGS

*This study is based on the transcendental wisdom
(Mulla Sadra)*

979–1045 AH / 1571–1635 AD



BACKGROUND

Wisdom

- is the essence of Persian medicine
 - and its philosophical

foundation in the longsome Iranian culture

(Corbin 1957; Khamenei; 2000a; Hatami et al. 2014). as cited in Khajeazad et al., 2020



AVICENNA AND MULLA SADRA: THE EFFECTS OF PHILOSOPHICAL PARADIGMS ON THE MEDICINE

Cure for all is the result of a **physician's wisdom** and not mere medical protocols (Avicenna).



The first who used the term
“transcendental wisdom”

as

**“understanding not only by logos
but also by soul intuition.”**

Ibn Sina, *Al-Isharat va Al-Tanbihat*, 151; Tusi, *Sharhe Al-Isharat va Al-Tanbihat*, vol.3, 141; Mulla Sadra 1375/1997, 55

As cited in Khajeazad 2020

Mulla Sadra integrates
the Avicenna philosophy
(a creative version of Aristotle's school of thought)

+

Islamic theological intuition

a new school of philosophy that
is a dominant philosophical
approach in Iran

Khamenei 2000b, II–V and 2004, 40–42; Rasooly Sharabiyani et al.

1392/2014 as cited in Khajeazad 2020



RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- ❑ Using implication eliciting methodology
- ❑ the paradigm of consensual qualitative research
- ❑ ten main principles of transcendental wisdom were selected and described
- ❑ approved by experts (n = 13)
- ❑ the transcendent philosophy of medicine was deductively synthesized
- ❑ Afterward, to reach consensus, the results were reviewed in four panel discussions with experts (n=20)



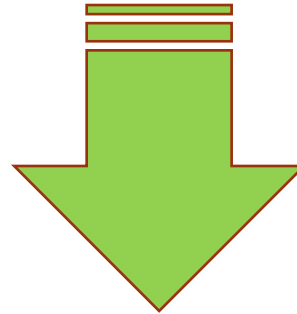
TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM: HUMAN BEING MAIN DIMENSIONS

- Corpus
- Psyche
- Nous
- Soul



TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM: HUMAN BEINGS MAIN DIMENSIONS

□ Corpus/Psyche/Nous /Soul



NAFS



TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM: NAFS



Survival Agent



Cause of all aware and
unaware capabilities
in all dimensions of
human existence



Biological
Cognitive
Behavioral



TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM: STUDY RESULTS

- A holistic model of health was presented
- Considering the ten transcendental wisdom principles
- In all aspects of human health, including:
 - Environmental/Biological/Mental/Identity-related/
 - Logical/ Intellectual/Spiritual/Ethical/Social health



LOGOS
(*Jabarut*)

Educate: Theory Construction & Analysis

Ability of Abstraction & Analysis

Logical Health:

Educate: Wisdom Base Reasoning

Decision in Line with all Type of Cert Facts

Intellectual Health: Noetic Cognition

Educate: Self Scrutiny & Self Purification

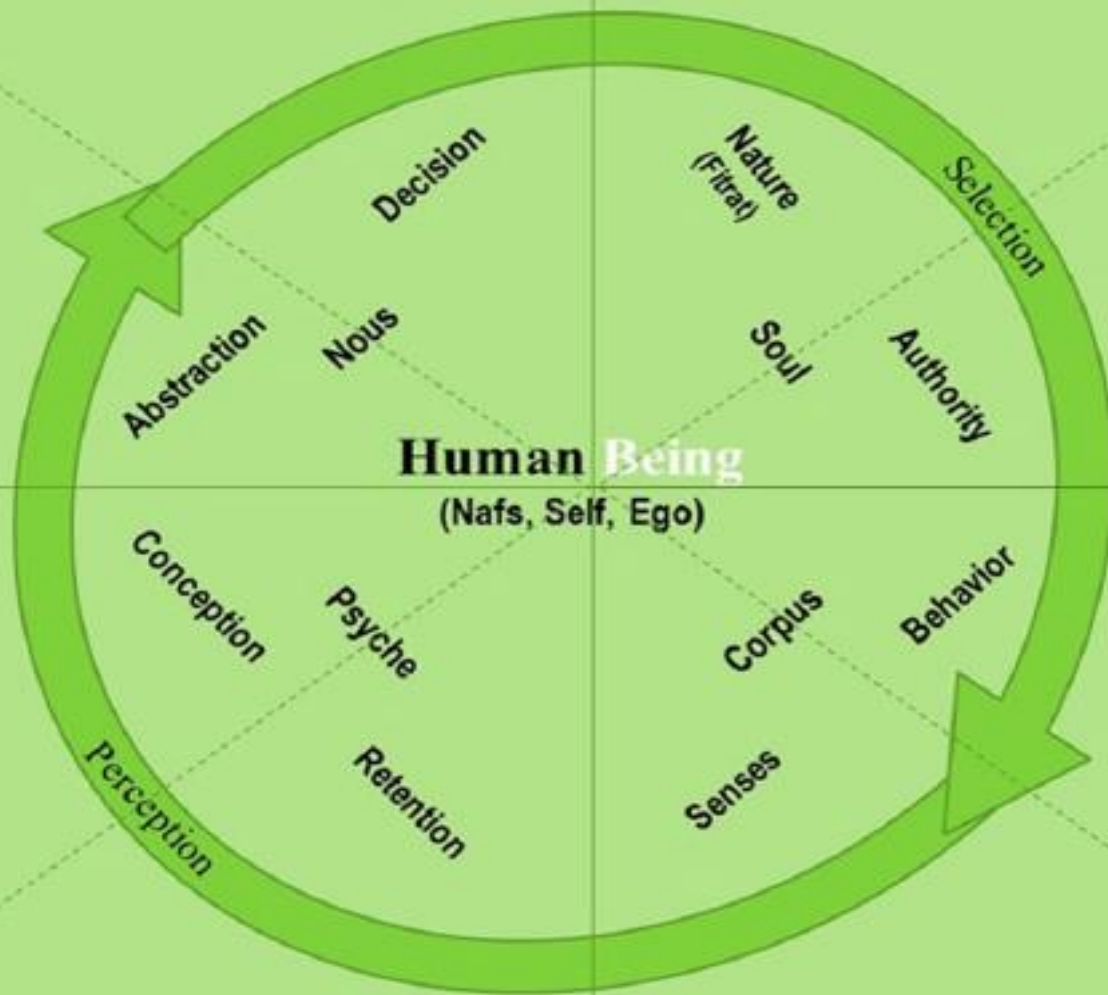
Calmness: Living in Line with Fitrat

Spiritual Health: Gnostic Cognition

DIVINE
(*Lakut*)

Ethical Health:
Action in Line with Facts & Fitrat

Educate: Practical Wisdom



Human Being
(Nafs, Self, Ego)

Educate: Knowledge Generalization

Self & Other Things Identification

Identity Related Health:

Mental Health:

Mind Set among Sense and Nous

Educate: Memorizing

Environmental and Biological Health:

Protection of the Best Creation System

Educate: Sensory-Motor Training

Social Health:

Religion: Divine Healthy Lifestyle

Educate: Social Divine Canon of Life

(*Malakut*)
IDEA

(*Nāsut*)
MATTER



TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM



capabilities of
human self

The brain activities

the incorporeal or
metaphysical
dimensions of self

beyond cartesian
materialism



TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

- Medicine and philosophy are dependent to definition of human being.
- The philosophical foundations of medical care and education must be based on needs, culture and values of each society.
- Transcendent philosophy of Mulla Sadra might be a solution for our philosophical needs.



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PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATION



Transcendent Philosophy of Medicine: A Deductive Synthesis According to the Transcendental Wisdom (Mulla Sadra School of Thought)

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Abstract

Medicine is dependent to definition of human being in all existential dimensions, and this study attempts to synthesize a philosophy of medicine based on *transcendental wisdom* that was instituted by Mulla Sadra (979–1045 AH /1571–1635 AD). Using *implication eliciting methodology*, in the paradigm of *consensual qualitative research*, ten main principles of transcendental wisdom were selected and described after being approved by experts ($n = 13$). Then, after more than 4 years of prolonged



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