

HUMANS THINK WITH THE HELP OF WORDS

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We humans think with the help of words. Language is an instrument for thinking and passing on the thoughts. Words are important in this endeavor and the progress of human culture is dependent on the power of these words and the versatility of the language. The human brain expands & flourishes with the help of a versatile language and so language is the primary requirement for humans to progress.

Words are of two types compound words and single words. Bi-cycle and Tri-cycle are compound words (both in Farsi and English), it is made of three existing words. In comparison Arabic has a word for each situation so it will have to have five words, which limits its expansion as a language and in turn limits the flight of thoughts.

Persian is an ancient language with ancient roots. Ferdowsi has tried to preserve this language for us while it was being corrupted by the introduction of Arabic words. The Ghaznavi and Saljughhi dynasties whose mother tongue was not Persian were instrumental in the introduction of Arabic into the Persian language. Arabic words that were introduced were alien to the people and they did not serve the purpose of a language, namely giving flight to thoughts, instead these Arabic words were used without consideration to their original meaning. Two words with different meanings were interchangeably used in place of each other without knowing their difference. Example is "Rahmat & Shafaghat". Then there are other words where one word replaced a number of Persian words and this reduced the extendibility of Persian language; example is the Arabic word "Naafs" which is used instead of three Persian words "Jan, Ravan & Tan". This exercise reduced the flexibility and clearness of expression in Farsi language and caused the downfall of society and stopped the expansion in philosophy and knowledge and the Iranian culture not only came to a stop there was regression.

We should try to replace all foreign words, which have entered Farsi language, especially those that do not help in enhancing the flexibility of the language, by original Paarsi words. There are many words that have entered the Arabic language from Paarsi we should differentiate them in this exercise.