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Thesis Title	ANWER ABBAS MAJEED the concept of time and the connotation of its utterance in Persian Language		
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Abstract	<p>This thesis is a study devoted to the concept of time and the connotation of its utterances in Persian Language from the perspective of philosophers, scholars and linguists. The research work is of a particular importance since on the one hand it focuses on the concept of time as one of the main human ideational notions over the ages. Yet it not only deals with the philosophical problems that are regarded in modern times as being one of the most complex issues in the philosophy of sciences, which forms a new turning point through metaphysical sciences.</p> <p>In addition to explaining these theories from the philosophers' point of view, making use of their works and their interpretations, it also proposes solutions for some of the aspects. Moreover, this study includes some relevant issues and details that were sometimes raised in order to form these theories comprehensively .</p> <p>The content of this thesis focuses on proposing and explaining the prerequisites, priorities, hypotheses, argumentation and other aspects related to the theory and concept of time. On the other hand, the research work investigates the linguistic etymology of the words that express time within the framework of semantics, all of which are derived from one of the major books written in Persian language.</p> <p>Furthermore, it must be mentioned that this study is a linguistic one, based on a descriptive analytical methodology within the framework of the theory of Semantic Fields.</p> <p>The study is formed of three chapters, each of which is formed of two parts, each of which contains several sections as is shown below:</p> <p>The thesis starts with an introduction containing two fields of investigation. The first studies time as used linguistically and idiomatically, time as used from a mythological perspective, and the concept of time in mythological view. The second, deals with time subjectively and objectively.</p> <p>Chapter One is formed of two parts. Part One is titled "The Ancient and Contemporary Civilizations' Concept of Time", which is formed of seven sections. Section One deals with Iran's ancient notion of time. Section Two</p>		

focuses on India's notion of time. Section Three investigates China's view of the aspect of time. Section Four is devoted to the Greek notion of time in ancient times and during the Middle Ages. Section Five deals with the contemporary Western philosophers' notion of time. Section Six detects the relation between time and motion. Section Seven investigates the philosophers' variant notions of the world. Part Two of Chapter One is titled "The Notion of Religions and Sects of Time", which is formed of five sections. Section One deals with the Jews' and Christians' notion of time. Section Two investigates the notion of time in the Glorious Qura'n. Section Three studies the aspect of time in the Prophetic tradition and the Prophet's household (May Allah Almighty bless them all and grant them salvation). Section Four is devoted to the Imam Al-Mahdi (May Allah Almighty speed up his eminent appearance) and the concept of time. Section Five deals with the notion of Muslim philosophy of time.

Chapter Two is formed of three parts, the first is titled "Persian Expressions of Time", which is formed of two sections. Section One is a general study of the concepts of the expressions of time from a grammatical point of view. Section Two deals with the expressions of time as related to days in Persian language .

Part Two of Chapter Two is also titled "Persian Expressions of Time", which is formed of five sections. The first deals with the Persian expressions describing human age, the Second covers the Persian expressions related to long duration and time as related to the Day of Judgement , the third focuses on the Persian expressions related to the duration of months, the fourth covers the Persian expressions of the duration of years, and the fifth investigates the Persian expressions of various time limits and of the description of animals and their characteristics as well as of the duration of weeks.

Part Three of Chapter Two is titled "Borrowings and Foreign words in Arabic Expressing Time", Which is formed of Seven Sections. The first investigates Arabic borrowings expressing days duration, the Second covers Arabic borrowings expressing long duration, the third deals with Arabic borrowings expressing various durations the fourth investigates Arabic borrowings expressing months duration, the fifth detects Arabic borrowings describing animals and their characteristics, and the seventh deals with Foreign words in Arabic of Syriac, Byzantine, Greek, Christian, Jewish, French, Indian, Turkish, Latin, and Coptic origins.

Chapter Three is formed of two parts. Part One is titled "Phonological and Semantic changes and their Impact on Time Expressions", which is formed of an introduction and two sections. The first covers the phonological changes and their impact on time expressions, while the second deals with semantic changes and their impact on time expressions. Section Two of Chapter Three investigates the various tenses and their characteristics in Persian.

The thesis ends with the conclusions and the abstract in Arabic, Persian, and English, followed by the bibliography used in this study.

Finally, I implore Allah Almighty that this thesis proves to be of value to scholars and Linguists, Particularly those interested in comparative studies between Arabic and Persian .