

LEXICAL FIELD OF SPIRITUALITY AND ENLIGHTENMENT: A CONCEPTUAL AND SEMANTIC ANALYSIS

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Abstract:

This article presents a conceptual analysis of the lexical field surrounding spirituality and enlightenment. Drawing from disciplines such as psychology, philosophy, and religious studies, the study seeks to clarify the complex interplay of words and concepts that define these profound aspects of human experience. Through a methodical exploration of terms such as spirituality, enlightenment, transcendence, awakening, and inner peace, the paper investigates their etymology, semantic subtleties, and cultural associations. Additionally, it examines how these concepts intersect, diverge, and evolve across different cultural and religious contexts.

Key words: spirituality, enlightenment, conceptual analysis, lexical field, vocabulary, religious studies, transcendence, awakening, inner peace, cultural connotations, semantic nuances, intersection, transformation, human experience

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Spirituality, broadly defined, refers to the diverse ways in which the spirit manifests within individuals and the world. In fields such as sociology, cultural studies, and journalism, spirituality is often understood as the unifying principles of society, expressed through moral values, traditions, religious teachings, artistic expressions, and conscience. It is believed that spirituality is nurtured through preaching, enlightenment, and educational efforts. While historically linked to religiosity, modern sociology and social philosophy refer to its secular counterpart as social capital.

Spirituality is also a linguistic category characterized by systematicity, comprising various elements that reveal its content [5, 68]. Across languages, words, proverbs, sayings, and expressions contribute to the richness of spirituality, reflecting the collective wisdom of cultures. This lexical domain is diverse and multifunctional, permeating different modes of expression and showcasing the breadth of language. By analyzing and categorizing language units within this framework, one gains insight into the interconnectedness of lexical elements [3, 85].

Furthermore, spirituality encompasses a tradition of self-care, care for others, and environmental stewardship, passed down through generations and fostered within families. The term “spirit” originates from the Latin “spiritus”, signifying the highest human capacity to impart meaning, self-determination, and transformation

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to reality, as well as a supernatural force that shapes human existence. The spirit is often linked to invisible, immaterial principles and is central to religious experiences.

However, when spiritual growth is positioned as the primary goal of education, there are instances of improper use of tools within this domain. Specifically, the interchangeable use of “spirituality” and “enlightenment” in mass media and propaganda, though at times permissible as a harmonious pair, distances us from the true essence of these concepts [9, 18]. The failure to clearly express the meanings of these concepts and to define their semantic opposites raises doubts about the efficacy of propaganda efforts in the immediate sphere. Such negligence diminishes the ontological value of existing explanatory and translation dictionaries, adversely affecting the level, style, authenticity, and quality of artistic and other translations.

Moreover, the lack of systematic research into the semantic field of “spirituality” reflects the unsystematic and ineffective nature of educational efforts in this area. Human nature tends to perceive phenomena it cannot fully understand as both complex and unnecessary [4, 89]. To address these issues, there is a need to organize lexemes related to spirituality into a unified field and to create an ideographic dictionary that incorporates elements of this paradigm.

Ideographic dictionaries operate on the principle that specific concepts are subsumed within broader concepts, which in turn belong to even more general categories, thereby enabling the classification of speech facts. These dictionaries are designed to clarify the semantic relationships between lexical units. The ideographic dictionary should include grammatical characteristics, synonyms, specific meanings, and related words, alongside pure Turkish equivalents of borrowed lexemes from Arabic or Persian. Concepts in human consciousness can be categorized into general, national, and personal linguistic representations of the world. Providing pure Turkic alternatives to lexemes within the general domain of spirituality helps clarify which concepts belong to the national or general linguistic image of the world.

While not all elements may have purely Turkish equivalents, this does not diminish the value of dictionary entries [1, 45]. On the contrary, it serves as a chronological marker of the formation of the national linguistic landscape. The structure of the ideographic dictionary for the category of spirituality should follow this model: lexical unit, grammatical indicators, etymological information, variant lexemes with pure Turkic etymology (if applicable), explanation of the primary lexical meaning, evidential examples reflecting both primary and contextual meanings, as well as synonyms and antonyms.

Ideographic dictionaries differ from traditional explanatory dictionaries while incorporating some of their features. They are characterized by their comprehensive coverage of the entire lexical system of a language and their focus on elucidating the semantic relations between lexical units (Linguistic Encyclopedic Dictionary, 1990). In this study, we first examine the terms “spirituality,” “morality,” and “enlightenment” through the lens of idealistic analysis.

The ideographic mapping of the “spirituality” category is expected to not only resolve the abstract concepts and semantic ambiguities surrounding this domain but also bring about significant changes in linguistic fields such as lexicography, dialectology, etymology, semasiology, typology, comparative hybrid linguistics, stylistics, and translation studies [8, 75]. In addition to its theoretical and practical

linguistic value, this mapping will also serve as a foundational resource for educational didactics.

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