# Cognitive semantic study of Pashto folklore, the Landay

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Previous literature has focused on the literary and socio-cultural aspects and attributes of Pashto landay, a two line poetic couplet. The available literature shows that linguistic approaches to the study of Pashto language and literature in general and the study of Pashto landay in particular, are minimal. This paper has used conceptual metaphor theory to discover the conceptual metaphors within Pashto landay. Nine hundred and thirty landay taken from Noorzi's book, "Pukhto landay Misre, tappe" have been analyzed. The analysis revealed eleven conceptual metaphors on the basis of their respective experiential source domains besides the resemblance based metaphors. Four examples of each conceptual metaphor were selected for linguistic analysis. The analysis revealed that experiential gestalts of, for example, a journey, war, fire, disease, containers and objects in space have all been used to conceptualize abstract concepts of love, emotions, time and events in Pashto landay. However, as this paper has analyzed only a small portion of landay, further studies of Pashto landay are needed to discover more conceptual metaphors, which may be helpful in understanding the cognitive schemas used by Pashto speakers for processing abstract concepts.

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Folklore epitomizes the unwritten traditions of a community, but definitions of folklore are as varied as folklore itself. Leach (1949) accumulated twenty one definitions of folklore, which shows that the boundaries of folklore are so broad that it is difficult to define it precisely or succinctly. One of the most important definitions is "artistic communication in small groups (Ben-Amos, 1971, 2014). Keeping in view the concept of context in modern technological age, Bronner (2016) defined folklore as "traditional knowledge put into, and drawing from, practice", and broadened the concept of context in folklore definition. The most frequent key words used in the defining the folklore are the

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tradition and oral transmission. Pashto folklore embodies Pashtun traditions, beliefs and culture. The origin of Pashto folklore is still shrouded in mystery, but it has been traced back to Vedic literature in the form of *landay* four thousand years ago (Enevoldsen, 1969; Hakimi, n.d.). Being the oldest form of Pashto folklore, Pashto *landay* has been examined from diverse perspectives such as socio-cultural perspective (Khalil, 2011), historical perspective (Enevoldsen, 1969), historical evolutionary perspective (Daud, 2012), gender perspective (Rahimi, 2017), literary perspective (Rafigh, 1930; Noorzi, 2014) and figurative perspective (Halimi, n.d.). *Landay* is a robust source for linguistic examination. This paper will study *landay* from a cognitive linguistic perspective.

Landay have two lines; the first line has nine syllables, while the second, thirteen syllables. Landay has often been used to express emotions, feelings and thoughts, and is an epitome of Pashtun civilization (Khattak, 2005; Rafigh, 1930). Landay, though mostly composed and sung by women in different cultural events to express their feelings and emotions in a male dominated society (Rahimi, 2017), but it can be composed by any member of the community, man, woman, young and old, and may sometimes take dialogue form, as is the case with following dramatic *landay* (Hakimi, n.d.).

Female

په سېينه خوله مي د پرار وکړ Puh spinah khluh me de parar ukru Your kissing left a scar on my lips ?ده به بخيلي مور ته څه ځواب کومه Zuh bah bakhile mor ta Tsu Tzawaab kawumah How will I argue with my puritanical mother?

Male مور ته دې داسې ځواب ووايه Mor ta de daase Tzawaab uwayaah You should tell your mother that زه له منګي سره ګودر ته ولوېدمه Zuh lah mangi sarah Godar thah wulwedumah I fell down to Godar (ford) with the Mangi (Jug made of clay)

As *landay* are anonymous, and anyone from the community can compose or read or use them, in this sense, they represent the general concepts of the community. The aim of the present paper is to investigate *landay* from cognitive semantic perspective to explore the major source domains used in the *landay* to express feelings, emotions and thoughts. The cognitive semantic approach based on conceptual metaphor theory (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980a, 1980b) (hereafter CMT) may help in revealing the major conceptual metaphors used in the Pashto language. The major conceptual metaphors will throw light on how the Pashtun community conceptualizes the abstract concepts, feelings and emotional states in their daily lives. In other words, it will show the major experiential gestalts which are used by the Pashtun community to structure the abstract phenomena.

CMT does not consider metaphor as merely a linguistic phenomenon, but one that is conceptual in nature because of the metaphorical nature of the human conceptual system itself. Metaphor is experiential correlations between experiential concept and abstract concepts in human mind, which generates not only language but also thoughts. For instance, the sentence, *he could not defend his position*, CMT holds, is generated by the conceptual metaphor, ARGUMENT IS WAR. CMT

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has been used to analyze Nine hundred and thirty *landay*, taken from Noorzi (2014), and found thirteen different conceptual metaphors during the analysis, in addition to resemblance based metaphors. This paper recommends further rigorous research into Pashto folklore poetry from a cognitive semantic perspective to discover the extent of the fundamental conceptual metaphors used in Pashto folklore poetry.

### Literature review

Pashto rich folklore has extensively been collected and discussed in the literature, from Al-Beruni (973/1050), living at the time of Mehmood of Ghazna (998 to 1030), till the present age. Various poets and critics, such as Khushal Khan Khattak, Hamid baba and Sikander Khan contributed to Pashto folklore poetry collections and critiques (Rafigh, 1930). Rafigh (1930) himself carried out an extensive classification of Pashto folklore by literary quality and subjects. Pashto *mataluna* (proverbs) were collected by Tair and Edwards (2006), and examined for gender relations by (Sanauddin, 2015) and for gender identities by Khan et al. (2015). Pashto Charbaitha has critically been examined by Yousafzai (n.d.) and Rafigh (1930). The oldest Pashto folklore poetic form is the *landay*, which has also attracted many investigations from various perspectives.

Landay is also called *tappa* in Pashto folklore poetry. Rafigh (1930) carried out pioneering work on its literary composition and classification, nomenclature and construction. Noorzi (2014) and Halimi (n.d.) also discussed *landay* from a literary perspective. Noorzi (2014) discussed at length the classification of *landay* on the basis of its core topics, such as war, honour, valour, love, Godar (a place visited by women for bringing water) and physical attributes of beloved. Noorzi (2014) also documented nine hundred and thirty *landay*, analyzed in the present study. Halimi (n.d.) studied the figurative language used in Pashto *landay*, in particular, on the use of various kinds of flowers as the source domain for various target domains. Halimi (n.d.) demonstrates that fragrant imagery is one of the key attributes of *landay*, and the study recommends further studies to explore this ocean of poetic imagery.

Enevoldsen (1969) and Hakimi (n.d) documented the history and evolution of Pashto *landay*. Enevoldsen (1969) claims that its roots can be traced back to Vedic literature, and that through *landay*, Pashtuns reveal their own social and cultural portraits. Rafigh (Hakimi, n.d) claims that *landay* began four thousand five years ago. *Landay* has also been studied from a socio-cultural perspective. Khalil (2011) has carried out a detailed socio-cultural analysis of Pashto *tappa*, and clams that Pashto *tappa* or *landay* represent the core values of Pashtun culture and tradition. Rahimi (2017), in investigation of *landay*, holds that *landay* is a tool used by women to express their tender feelings in Pashtun culture, but there is a perceptible change in the subjects of *landay* between the older and younger generations. The author along with Daud (2012) stresses the need to study and document *landay* in order to preserve it.

The available literature on Pashto folklore, particularly on *landay* reveals the need to preserve the traditional folklore poetic heritage, and to analyze it from various linguistic perspectives. The present paper uses CMT to reveal the major conceptual metaphors, used in Pashto folklore poetry. CMT has recently been applied to Pashto language and poetry in order to investigate various conceptual metaphors used by Pashto speaking community and Pashto poets. Khan and Ahmad has investigated the conceptualization of life in Pashto language; Pischurnikova (2017) has deciphered LOVE IS WAR metaphor in poetry of Abdul Hamid; and Sardaraz and Nusrat (2019) has investigated

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Ghani Khan's poems on title of Life and Death to find out the conceptual schemas used for the abstract concepts of life and death. But *landay*, being anonymous, with no restriction of place, person and time, offers a field for analysis of conceptual metaphors, which will orient us about the general outlook of the Pashtun community. Hence, the basic research question of this paper is: What conceptual metaphor themes are used in Pashto *landay*? Investigation of the conceptual metaphor themes will help in understanding of Pashtuns' world view, nature of figurative language in *landay* and classification of *landay* from cognitive linguistic perspective. This paper may also kindle more interest in Pashto figurative language, particularly metaphor, as recommended by Khan and Ahmad (2017), Pischurnikova (2017) and Sardaraz and Nusrat (2019).

#### Method

This paper used Nine hundred and thirty *landay* documented by Noorzi (2014) as the units of analysis. The researchers read Pashto data, and then carried out a metaphor identification procedure (Group, 2007) to identify the metaphorical expressions. This procedure involves reading the text, selecting lexical units, determining their meanings and defining their metaphoricity with the help of dictionaries (Zeeya, 2009) and (Momand & Sehray, 1994). For example, in the Pashto phrase, ( درانه خبره "dranah khaburah-significant matter", the word (درانه) "dranah-significant" literally means heavy, and as matter cannot be literally heavy, rather it can be significant. Thus, this phrase is marked as metaphor. This procedure helped in identification of three hundred and thirty three (333) linguistic metaphoric expressions in addition to resemblance based metaphors. The identified metaphors were then categorized on the basis of their respective source domains following Kövecses (2002). This step helped sub-classify metaphors as resemblance based or experiential correlation based metaphors. The resemblance based metaphors compare the attributes of two concepts or objects, such as ( گلاپی ضخ "gulapi mukh-rosy face", comparing red cheeks to a red rose. Experiential correlation based metaphors were thematically categorized on the basis of CMT (Lakoff, 1993; Lakoff & Johnson, 1980b). For example, the utterance (جدائی راغله) "judaaye raaghlah-separation came", is instantiated by love is a journey metaphor, where separation in a journey maps separation in love. According to CMT, metaphor is pervasive in language because of the metaphoricity of the human conceptual system. Metaphor is not a novel use of language, but reflects the experiential correlation of concepts in human conceptual system (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980a). Experiential concepts are used to process and comprehend less experiential or abstract concepts. The schemas of experiential and abstract concepts underpin the generation and comprehension of language. The analysis carried out through CMT is detailed below.

#### Results

The analysis revealed eleven conceptual metaphor themes in addition to the resemblance based metaphors. These conceptual metaphor themes are discussed below.

### Love Is Journey

Love is journey is one of the conceptual metaphor themes found in the analysis of *landay*. The study found ten (10) instances of this conceptual metaphor, where the source domain of journey is used to map the love relationship. Four of the linguistic metaphoric expressions are analyzed below.

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اب كوثر جانانه راشه 1
 Aab e kawthar jaanaanah rashah
Oh my sweet and fragrant beloved! Come,
د بېلتانه په سفر ځم تړې به شمه
  Da belthanuh puh safar Tzum thuge bah shumah
Going on the journey of separation, I would become thirsty
په خوله به جنګ درسره وکړم 2
  Puh khluh bah jang dur sara wukrum
I may wage a verbal fight with you
د زړه کوځي به درنه ولي بېلومه
  Da zru koTse bah dur na wale belawumah
Why should I separate the channel of my heart from you?
جدايي راغله لاري دوه شوي 3
 Judaaye raahlah laare dwe shwe
Separation came, Paths diverged
مری می قبول دی جدایی نه قبلومه
  Murg me qabul de Judaaye nu qablawuma
I accept death, but cannot accept separation
د فکر ټال دی راته جوړ کړو 4
  Da fekr taal de raathah jor kro
You made me pensive
ته رانه لاړي زه يوازي زنګېدمه
  Thu raanah lare zuh yowaze zangedumah
You went away, I swam around in thoughts alone
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In these couplets, the words ( ( ببلتانه په سفر ) "*da belthanuh puh safar*-on the journey of separation" in (1), the lexical items ( د زړه کوځې) "*da zru koTse*-channels of heart and ((ببلومه) "*belawumah*-separate" in (2), the utterance ( لارې دوه شوې) "*laare dwe shwe*-paths diverged" in (3), and the clause ( ته رانه لاړې) "*Thu raanah lare*-you went away" in (4) are examples of the source domain of separation and union in the journey, used for mapping separation and union in love. Thus, the journey domain has been used to map the target domain of love.

### Love Is War

and (توپک ویشلی) *"topuk wishtuli-* fired with gun", as the analysis revealed, which have been used for conceptualizing various emotional states of love. Four couplets are analyzed below.

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5
         د ستر کو جنگ دی و رته ټينګ شه
Da sturgo jang de wurthah ting shah
It is a war of looks, stay strong
کاره و اره باڼه په زړه ویشتل کوینه
Kagu wagu baŅŗu puh zŗuh wishtul kawinah
The curled eyelashes strike at the heart
6
        یه لاره تلی مخ دی ر استون کړو
Puh laarah thle much de rasthun kro
Passing me on your way, you looked back
د ظالم لورې په ګوګل دې وویشتمه
Da zaalem lure pu gogul de wuwishtumah
Oh you daughter of Cruelty! You struck me in the heart
7
        اب و دانه مي شوه تمامه
Aab wa daanah me shwah thamaamah
My subsistence has finished
ليلايه زړه راكړل د تورو گوزارونه
Laylaa puh zru rakrul da thuro guzarunah
Laylaa stabbed my heart with a sword
        باران د اوښکومي ورېږي
8
Baaraan da ohko me waregi
My tears pour down like rain
بى نيازه يارراته يه زړه راكړل زخمونه
Benyaazah yaar rathah pu zru raakrul zakhmunah
The arrogant beloved caused wounded my heart
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Example (5) reveals that the source domain of war used to describe the condition of the lover and the beloved. In this war, the upswept eyelashes of the beloved are conceptualized as arrows piercing the heart. Couplet (6) shows a similar emotional status, but more figuratively. The lexical item (و يشته) "wuwishtumah-struck" is taken from the domain of war to conceptualize the effect of the look of the beloved. In the 7th couplet, (د تورو گوزارونه) "da thuro guzaarunah-blows of swords", and in the 8th, (ز خمونه) "zakhmunah-wounds" caused by the beloved metaphorically suggests LOVE IS WAR.

## Love Is Fire

The analysis reveals twenty linguistic instantiations of LOVE IS FIRE metaphor. The key conceptual metaphor behind it is EMOTIONS ARE FORCES metaphor. The domain of fire conceptualizes the emotional state of the lover. The experiential concepts of (اور) "or-fire", (لمبي) "balegi-burning", (سوزها (سوزه) "swazawinah-burns", (سوزه) "swazum-I am burning", (لو کی) "sezi-burns", (سومه) "swuma-burnt", (سوزه) "suwi-roasted", (لو کی) "loge-smoke", (سوزه) "kababawinah-to be turned into roast", (ستی) "sathi-burned alive" all use the concept of fire to convey various emotional states of love. The experiential correlation between fire and love is illustrated by couplets (9) to (12).

9 اور چي بليږي اخر مړ شي Or che balegi akher mur shi Where fire burns, it eventually burns out د مینی اور سړی تر عمره سوزوينه Da mine or sarai thur umrah swazawinah The fire of love burns a man for all his life په ما دې ځوانه ځواني اور کړه 10 Puh maa de Tzwaanah Tzwaani or krah You tormented me in the prime of my youth په تا دې اور شي د همزولو مجلسونه Puh thaa de or shi da hamzolo majlisunah May the company of your friends torture you! 11 تنور چي تود شي اخير سوړ شي Thanur che thowd shi akher sor shi A hot oven eventually cools down زړه چې مئين شي همېشه لمبي و هينه Zru che mayan shi hameshah lambe wahinah When a heart is infatuated, it always ejects flames 12 راشہ زما یہ څنګ کی کبنہ Raashah zumaa puh Tsang ke kenah Come and sit by my side چې در ته ووايم د سوي زړه حالونه Che durthah wuwaayum da suwi zruh haalunah And listen to the story of my burning heart

The above couplets use concepts from the domain of fire, (اور) "or-fire", (اللبيري) "lambeflames", (اور) "balegi-burning", (سوزوينه) "swazawinah-burns" in (9), (اور) "or-fire" in (10), (تقود) "Thanur-oven/tanur", (تود) "thowd-hot" and (سوړ) "sor-cold" in (11) and (سوي زړه) "suwi zruh-burning heart" in (12) to map the of psychosomatic states of love. The LOVE IS FIRE metaphor is constantly used in Pashto folklore poetry.

### Unrequited Love Is Disease

The psychosomatic state of unrequited love is mapped through the source domain of disease in Pashto *landay*. This conceptual metaphor is derived from key conceptual metaphor of EMOTIONS ARE FORCES. The analysis revealed thirty (30) metaphorical instances of love as an illness. The experiential concepts of (ويده) "wedu-sleep", (غمونه) "ghamunah-worries", (خ) "gham-sorrow", (زنگېږم) "dardunah-pains", (زنگېږم) "zangegum-I am feeling dizzy", (مرض) "maraz-illness", (زنگېږم) "thore wine-dark blood", (د هجران بنامار خوړل) "daru-medicine", and (طبيب) "thabib-doctor", all come from the domain of disease and are used to map the psychosomatic states of unrequited or departing love, as illustrated by examples (13) to (16).

جي په مرض مي نه پو هېږي Che puh maraz me nuh pohege If you do not know my illness طبيبه مه ګوره زما د لاس رګونه Tabibah mah gorah zumaa da laas ragunah O Doctor! Don't take my pulse 14 زما د زړه ناچاره رنځه Zumaa da zru nachaarah ranTzah Oh, the helpless sickness in my heart نه دي دارو شته نه دي حال ويلي شمه Nuh de daaru shtah nuh de haal wayule shumah You have neither cure, nor can I tell your state of health 15 شال يي يه سر اوږي په غاړه Shaal ye puh sar ogi puh ghaarah Wearing a shawl on her head and necklace round her neck کودر ته لاړه عاشقان ر نځورو بنه Godar (ford) thah laarah a'asheqaan ranTzurawinah She went to Godar (ford) for causing the lovers diseased 16 د خولي مي توري ويني لاړي Da khole me thore wine laare Black blood flowed from my mouth زه د هجران ښامار په زړه خوړلي يمه Zuh da hijraan haamaar puh zruh khwarule yumah I had been bitten by the Separation's snake

The above *landay* illustrate the conceptual metaphor of LOVE IS DISEASE. The source domain of disease is used to map the psychosomatic states of love. Couplet (13) shows that the experiential concept of (مرض) "maraz-illness" maps the psychosomatic state of unrequited love which cannot be cured by (طبيب) a "thabib-doctor". In (14), (خن) "ranTz-illness" also conceptualizes the feeling of unrequited love, for which there is no cure. The disease domain also appears in (15) through the lexical items of disease. In (16), separation is mapped as poison from a snake, causing the blood to flow from the mouth of the lover in the expression, (توري ويني) "thore wine-dark blood" and similarly, in (أوري ويني) "da hijraan haamaar khwaŗul-bitten by the serpent of parting". The experiential domain of disease is used to map feelings of unrequited love.

## **Emotions Are Forces**

The analysis shows that emotions are also mapped through the source domain of forces. Emotions are forces which cause psycho-emotional or physical changes in human beings. The analysis reveals that in most of *landay*, the emotion of love is what causes these changes. Twenty (20) instances of this conceptual metaphor were found, four of which are analyzed below.

 17
 خلک مي ټول تېوس له راغله

 Khalk me tol tapaos lah raghlu

 Everyone visited me to inquire about my health

 هغه رانغلو چې يې پروت له غمه يمه

 Haghah ranughlo che ye proth lah ghamah yumah

 He who caused me to lie in bed with grief did not come

 18
 زه په عاشق سړي پو هېږم

 Zuh puh a'aashiq sari pohegum

 1 know he who is in love
 يا يې رنگ زېږ وي يا يې شونډي و چې وينه

 21 yaa ye rang zyer wi yaa ye shunde wuche winah
 Yaa ye rang zyer wi yaa ye shunde wuche winah

Either he is pale, or are his lips are dried up 19 ستا په جفا مي پروا نشته Sthaa puh jafaa me parwa nishtah I am not anguished by your parting ما ژړوي د رقيبانو پېغورونه Maa zharawi da raqibaano peghorunah The rivals' taunts make me weep 20 د ناز کتو دي اثري کړم Da naaz katho de asari krum Your flirtatious looks pit a spell on me د کړس خندا دي لېوني د دنيا کړمه Da krus khandaa de lewane da dunyaa krumah Your cheery smile turned me into the maddest man in the world

In couplets (17) to (20), the emotions of love are conceptualized as forces which cause psychosomatic and physical changes in human beings. *Landay* at (17) conceptualizes grief at the loss of his friend as a force which causes sickness through the lexical items of "*che ye proth lah ghamah yumah*". In (18), the emotion of love is mapped as a force which causes a physical change in colour of the skin and the drying out of lips - "*rang zyer*-pale" and "*shunde wuche*-lips dry out". In couplet (19), the feelings of parting from the beloved and the taunts of rivals are forces which lead the lover to weep. *Landay* at (20) conceptualizes the ecstasy felt at the sight of beloved as a force which causes madness, embodied in lexical items of "*asari krum*-spelled" and "*lewane da dunyaa krumah*- turned me into the maddest man in the world. These examples show EMOTIONS ARE FORCES metaphor.

#### **Emotions Are Physical Objects**

The data revealed the conceptual metaphor of EMOTIONS ARE OBJECTS. Emotions are mapped as physical objects in space in fourteen (14) linguistic expressions. Four of these linguistic expressions are analyzed below.

21 ژوند کې يې غم ليدلي نه و Zhund ke ye gham lidule nuh wu He had not seen grief in life چي شوه مينه ډېر يي وليدل غمونه Che shwa minah der ye ulidul ghamunah When he fell in love, a lot of grief fell upon him 22 مينه يه تلو راتلو زياتيري Mina pu thlo raathlo zyathegi Love increases after mutual visits کله راځه کله به زه درځم مینه Kulah raaTzah kulah bah zuh darTzum mayunah Sometimes you visit me, sometimes I will come my love 23 د زړه دياسه مي امبار شه Da zruh da paasah me ambaar shah Be piled up on my heart د جانان غمه د عمرونو ځاي دي يمه Da janaan ghamah da umruno Tzaai de yumah

O grief of my love! I am your living place کله دې غم ر اباندې بار شي Kulah de gham raabande baar shi Sometimes, my sorrow of love overburdens me کله دې مينه په در انو کاڼو تلمه Kulah de meenah pu drano kaŅŗo thalumah Sometimes, I weigh your love with heavy stones

In (21), "gham-grief" is conceptualized as a physical object which can be seen. Landay at (22) conceptualize "minah-love" as an object, being measurable, which can increase or decrease. Grief/sorrow at the loss of the beloved is mapped as a physical object which can be piled upon the heart in couplet at (23). The emotions of ( $(4\pi)$ ) "gham-grief" and ( $(4\pi)$ ) "minah-love" are conceptualized as solid objects with a weight in (24). These examples show that Pashto speakers view emotions through the source domain of physical things.

## **Heart Is Container for Emotions**

The analysis also revealed the conceptual metaphor of HEART IS CONTAINER in Pashto *landay*. This metaphor was been found in seventeen couplets. Four of the couplets are analyzed below.

25 زړه مي نرې درزونه وکړ Zruh me nari darzunah wukur My heart has been seriously cracked لکه ديوال چي زلزلي و هلي وينه Luka dewaal che zulzule wahule winah As if an earthquake caused cracks in a wall 26 راشه په زړه مې ګوتې کېده Rashah puh zruh me guthe kedah Come! Check up my heart with your finger چې عاشقي مې در معلومه شي مينه Che a'asheqi me dur ma'alumah shi mayunah So that you may know my love for you, my love! 27 نه به انځر د ورځي ګل شي Nuh bah anTzar da wraTze qul shi Just as a fig will not sprout a flower in daylight نه به زما زړگی د غمه خالی شینه Nuh bah zumah zurge da ghamah khali shinah My heart will not become empty of grief شاه د ګودره روانيږه 28 Shah da godarah (ford) rawaanegah Go back from godar (ford) زما نړيږي د زړکي پا خه برجونه Zumaa naregi da zurgi pakhu burjunah The chimneys of my heart are roaring

In couplet (25), heart is mapped as a container which cracks, as evident from the sentence "*Zruh me nari darzunah wukur*- my heart has been seriously cracked". The utterance "*puh zruh me guthe kedah*- Check up my heart with your finger" at (26) shows the heart as a container and the

emotions as steam, whose pressure can be checked by touching the heart. Landay at (27) also shows the heart as the container of grief through the lexical item of "khali-empty". The container schema is also appears in (28), where the heart is mapped a container with (برجونه) "burjunah- chimneys or funnels", which (نريرو ن) "naŗegi-roars" because of the steam. Literally, heart is not a container which can hold emotions or feelings. Therefore, in these couplets heart is metaphorically mapped as container.

## Abstract concepts are things

Abstract concepts like ideas, thoughts, life and death, fate or destiny, verbal discourse and other abstract concepts are mapped as physical things in Pashto *landay*. The analysis revealed thirty eight (38) examples of this conceptual metaphor. Four of the linguistic expressions are analyzed below.

خاونده مرګ په ځواني ورکړي 29 Khawundah murg puh Tzwaani warkre Oh Lord! Give him death in his youth چې جنازه يې د ارمانه سره وړينه Che junaazah ye da armaanah sarah wrinah For his corpse to carry all its yearnings 30 یا خو زما نصیب خراب دی Yaa kho zumah nasib kharaab de Either I have bad luck يا خو به ټولي ياراني دغسي وينه Yaa kho bah tole yaraane daghase winah Or all my love affairs have the same fate 31 مبار کی ر اکر ئ عالمه Mubaraki rakrai a'aalamah O people favour me with your congratulations د تهمتونو سره يار قبوله كرمه Da thuhmatuno sara yaar gabulah krumah My beloved accepted me with all the slanders 32 د جانان ژبی ته حیر ان یم Da jaanaan zhube thah hayraan yum I am amazed at the sweet tongue of my beloved څومره خوږې پستې خبرې پرې کوينه Tsomrah khwage pasthe khabure pre kaweenah What sweet, soft speech he delivers!

In (29), (مرک) "*murg*-death" is mapped as something which can be given to someone, as evident from the verb (نورکړی) "*warkre*-give". *Landay* at (30) maps (نصيب) "*nasib*-fortune" as a thing which is (خوري پستې (خريرې) "*kharaab*-bad or spoiled". In (31), (تهمت) "*thuhmath*-slander/lies" is metaphorically represented as an object which can be possessed. Similarly, the clause (خوري پستې خبرې) in (32) shows that speech is conceptualized by the Pashto speaking community as something which may be "*khwage pasthe*-sweet, soft", drawing on the experiential domain of food or taste. In all these examples, "*murg*-death", "*nasib*-fortune", "*thuhmat*-slander" and "*khabure*-speech" are not literally physical objects or things, but they are represented as objects metaphorically.

# **Great Chain of Being Metaphor**

One of the most pervasive metaphors in the Pashto *landay*, the analysis revealed, is the GREAT CHAIN OF BEING. Human attributes and characteristics provide a rich source domain for conceptualizing various target domains of natural objects, inanimate phenomena, socio-cultural concepts and events (Lakoff & Turner, 1989). In traditional rhetorical terms, this conceptualization is referred to as personification. The study found sixty (60) examples of this metaphor in the data. Inanimate phenomena are person metaphors are illustrated through the following linguistic expressions.

باد سبا زما قاصد شه 33 Bad e sabaa zumaa gaased shah O wind of the Morning! Be my messenger زما شيرين اشناته يوسه سلامونه Zumaa sherin Aashanaa thah yosah salaamunah Take my greetings to my sweet beloved 34 باده يه باد مي سلام وايه Baadah puh baad me salaam waayah O wind! Give my greetings to the wind يه هغه باد چې د جانان په لوري ځينه Puh haghah baad che da jaanaan puh lori Tzinah To the Wind which is blowing towards my beloved 35 أسمانه درز وهه راولوبره Aasmaanah draz wahah ra-olwegah Oh Sky! Become cracked and fall down په ما قيامت دي چي په ټولو قيامت شينه Puh maa qiyamath de che puh tolo qiyamath shinah Calamity has overtaken me, so that it overtakes everything 36 بارانه ورو، ورو پرې ورېږه Baraanah wro wro pre waregah Oh Rain! Pour on them lightly وړي، وړې جنکئ غره ته تللي دينه Ware ware jinakay ghru thah thlule Dinah Little girls have gone to the hills 37 سپوږمئ سلام به در ته وکړم Spogay salaam bah durthah wukrrum Oh Moon! I will pay you my greetings جانان می مه رسوا کوه ماته راځینه Jaanaan me mah ruswaa kawah maa thah raTzinah Don't disgrace my beloved, he is visiting me 38 پاس پربام مه خېژه کوترې Paas pur baam mah khezhah kawthare Don't climb up on the roof, O Dove! يورته اسمان کی به سيين لمر شرمنده شينه Porthah aasmaan ke bah speen Imar sharmindah shinah The Sun, up in the sky, will feel shy

Couplets (33) to (38) refer to the inanimate phenomena of "baad-wind", "aasmaan-sky", "braraan-rain", "spogay-moon" and "Imar-sun" as persons. In (33) to (37), "baad-wind", "aasmaan-

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sky", "braraan-rain", "spogay-moon" are addressed as human beings, who can hear the pleas, while in (38), the sun is given the human social attribute of being shy. These examples show that Pashto speakers use the conceptual metaphor of INANIMATE PHENOMENA AS PERSONS.

Analysis of the data also revealed that various natural objects, social phenomena and events are conceptualized as persons, as illustrated by the following couplets (39-51).

39 اختر ه ستا د بر کته Akhtharah sthah da barakatah O Akhthara! Because of your blessings د جنکو په سينه زانګي زيړ ګلونه Da jinako pu sinah zangi zyer gulunah Yellow flowers are bouncing on the chests of girls 40 باغ ته دې تګ مناسب نه دی Baagh thah de thag munaseb nuh de Your visit to the garden is not appropriate کلان شر مبر ی مخ یه پاڼو پڼو پنه Gulaan sharmegi much puh paŊŗo putawinah Flowers feel shy, cover their faces with leaves گلاب د اصله شهز اده دی 41 Gulaab da aasalah shahzaadah de Rose is the real prince -رامببل چامببل يي نوكران نيولي دينه Raambel chaambel ye nokaraan niwuli dinah Hired jasmine flowers as his servants 42 ببلتون يه هر چا مبلمه کيږي Belthun puh har chaa melmah kegi Separation visits everyone as a guest ماته چې راشي نو کلونه تېروينه Maa thah che raashi no kalunah therawinah When he visits me, he spends years with me کاغذہ لار شہ یہ ہوا شہ 43 Kaaghuzah laar shah puh hawaa sha O letter! Go with utmost speed يه عاشقانو باندي وايه سلامونه Puh A'asheqaano bande waayah salaamunah Give my greetings to the lovers 44 کودره بخت دی غلبه دی Godurah bakht de ghalabah de O Godurah! Your fate is dominant د بيغلو جنو سيل کوي حير ان دي کړمه Da peghlo jino sel kawi hayraan de krumah Young girls visits you, make me amazed يبزوانه ستا نه کیله من یم 45 Pezwaanah sthah na ailaman yum O Rose Ring! I am annoyed with you

د لیلا سری شونډي خو تا ښکل کړي دینه Da lailaa sre shunde kho thaa hkul kuri Dinah You have kissed the red lips of Lailaa چي فکر بند په زولنو کړم 46 Che fikur band puh zawlano krum I shackle my thoughts, but چی رانه خلاص شی بر ابر جانان له ځینه Che raanah khlas shi baraabar jaanaan lah Tzinah When once breaks free, it goes at once to my beloved خاوندہ کوم یو پہ کی خوښ کړم 47 Khawundah kum yo puh ke khwah krum O Lord! Which one should I opt for? مرک او بېلتون راته جوړه راغلي دينه Murg aw belthun rathah jorah raghule Dinah Death and separation have come as a pair عالمه يو له بل ځاريږئ 48 A'alamah yo lah bul Tzaregay O People! Love each other مرګ رايسي دي نيمه خوا به ياتي شونه Murg raapuse de nimah khwaa bah paathe shinah Death is after us, and we will be left disappointed 49 غم دي دا ستا نه وفادار دي Gham de daa shtaa nah wafaadaar de Your grief is more loyal than you ته كله كله غم دي تل ر اسر ه وينه Thuh kulah kulah gham de thul raasarah winah You come sometimes, your grief is always with me قسمته خداي لياره ويښ شه 50 Qimathah Khuday lapaarah wih shah O Fortune! For God's sake get up! څوک تر قيامته يوري نه کوي خوبونه Tsok thur qiyamatha pore nu kawi khobunah No one does sleep till the Day of Judgement 51 ما د نصيب نه تبښته وكړه Maa da nasib na thehthah wukrah I fled from my fate نصيب زما د لاري مل راسره ځينه Nasib zumaa da laare mal raasarah Tzinah Fate is my companion, accompanying me everywhere

In these couplets, various socio-cultural concepts, natural objects and events are conceptualized as persons. Akhthar or Eid in (39) is an event which is mapped through the source domain of human attribute of blessings or causes. In (40) and (41), the rose is given the personal characteristics of shyness and authority for hiring the services of other flowers. Abstract socio-cultural concepts, such as (بيلتون) "belthun-separation" are represented as a (ميلمه) "melmah-gust" in (42), (كاغذ) "kaaghuz-letter" as a person who can convey the greetings of one person to another in (43), (كونر) "godar-a social place for women to meet and bring water or ford" as a person with good luck in (44), and (yieigi) "pezwan-nose ring" as a person, kissing a girl in (45). Similarly, abstract

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concepts are also conceptualized as persons. The concept (فكر) "fikar-thinking", is mapped as a prisoner in shackles in (46), (مرك) "murg-death" in (47) and (48), (خ) "gham-grief" in (49) and (قسمت) "qismath-fate" and (نصيب) "nasib-fate" in (50) and (51) respectively are presented as having human attributes. The analysis revealed that human attributes and characteristics are a rich source domain for the Pashto speaking community to process and comprehend many socio-cultural concepts and other abstract ideas.

# Part-Whole Schema

The analysis also found metonymic linguistic expressions in the data. Part of an image schema has often been used to conceptualize the whole. The key conceptual metaphor behind these metonymic linguistic expressions is the GENERIC IS SPECIFIC. The part-whole relationship was found in thirty eight (38) *landay*, where the heart is metonymically used to represent the emotional being of the lover. Four of these *landay* are analyzed below.

ز رکیه ځان ورته تکړه کړه 52 Zurgiyah Tzaan wurthah thakrah krah O heart! Prepare yourself for it اشنا د سپين مخ نه نقاب پور ته كوينه Aashnaa da spin much nah niqab porthah kawinah My beloved is removing the veil from her face زړګيه صبر دې په خدای شه 53 Zurgiyah sabar de puh Khudai shah O heart! May you have patience with your Lord جانان يه غنو خلكو ځان حسابوينه Jaanaan puh ahato khalko Tzaan hisaabawinah My beloved considers himself among important people 54 زرګيه صبر شه مه ژاړه Zurgiyah sabar shah mah zhaarah O heart! Be patient, don't weep ستايه ژړا اشنا د نازخندا كوينه Sthah puh zharah Aashnaa da naaz khandaa razinah My beloved smiles coquettishly at your weeping 55 زر کیه مینه یه کی نشته Zurgiyah minah puh ke nishthah O heart! There is no love in them نن واړه ښکلي د لباس خندا کوينه Nun warah hkuli da lebaas khandaa kawinah Nowadays, all the pretty ones pass on false smiles 56 سترګي ديدن وکړي مړې شي Sthurge didan wukri mare shi Eyes see the beloved, and get satiated شونډو د غم نه و چ پترې نيولي وينه Shundo da gham na wuch pathri niwuli Dinah My lips has got dry scars because of grief

In examples (52) to (55), (زړکي) *"zuṛgay*-heart" stands for the whole emotional being. Heart in (52) represents the emotional and personal being, while in (53), it stands for the psychological

being, and in (54), it refers to both the emotional and psychological being, and in (55), the emotional being. In (56), (ستر ګې) *"sturge-*eyes" stands for the emotional being, The part-whole relationship in the above examples is by imbuing the heart and eyes with the personality of the whole being.

## Time Is an Object In Motion

Time is conceptualized as an object in motion. It draws on the aka metaphor, which involve the structuring of time in terms of objects and space. It has two main entailments, Time is an object in motion and time is space. The study found twenty eight (28) examples of this metaphor in the data, four of which are analyzed below.

اختر چی تېر شي بيا به راشي 57 Aakhthar che ther shi byaa bah rashi Akhthar, if it passes, will come again دا د ځوانئ عمر په بېرته نه راځينه Daa da Tzwanay umar bah berthah nuh raTzinah This youthful life will never come back 58 ارمان به وکړي وخت به تېر وي Aarmaan bah wukre wakht bah ther wi You will regret it, but time will have passed بيا به وطن ر اېسى كورى نه به يمه Byaa bah watan raapuse gore nuh bah yumah You will, then, search land me for me, I will not be here 59 وطن به ستا لياره يربردم Wathan bah sthah lapaarah pregdum I will leave the land for your sake چی ستا د حسن دور ان تېر شی ر ابه شمه Che sthaa da husan dawraan ther shi raa bah shumah When the duration of your beauty has passed, I will come هغه ساعت به کله راشی 60 Haghah sa'ath bah kulah raashi When would the hour come جي د اشنا سره به بر کودر له ځمه Che da Aashnaa sarah bah bar godar lah Tzumah To go to Western Godar with my beloved

These couplets present time as an object moving in space. The time concept of (اختر) " *Aakhthar*-Eid, religious festival" in (57) maps, (وخت) "wakhth-time" in (58), (دوران) "dawraanduration" in (59) and (ساعت) "saa'ath-hour" in (60) are mapped as moving objects through the corresponding verbs (ساعت) "ther shi-passed" and (راشي) "raashi-will come" in (57), (تبر شي) "ther wiwill have passed" in (58), (تبر شي) "ther shi-passed" in (59) and (راشي) "raashi-will come" in (60). Hence, these linguistic expressions conceptualize time as an object in motion.

The data also found one linguistic expression of conceptual metaphor of TIME IS BOUNDED SPACE. Time in human conceptual system is also structured in terms of bounded space. Durational aspect of time is measured in terms of space/distance, and the location of some event of certain duration is mapped as an object located in space. The following linguistic expressions structure an event within time as an object in space.

61 ډيوي مي بلې په مزار کړه Dewe me bale puh mazaar krah Light candles on my grave چيرته وختونو کې د مينې يار دې ومه Chere wakhtuno ke da mine yaar de wuma I was your beloved in the past

In couplet (61), the spatial preposition ( $\lambda_{2}$ ) "*ke*-in" maps past time as space. The event of being in love at a certain time in the past is mapped as a landmark within space. Thus, the above linguistic expression reflects the conceptual metaphor of TIME IS BOUNDED SPACE.

#### **Resemblance based metaphors**

The data also revealed metaphors and similes based on comparisons between two objects. Resemblance based metaphors and similes follow the Aristotelian concept of metaphor and simile metaphor, which involves the naming one thing by another, as in Abid is a Lion. The dominant attribute of bravery is transferred from the source domain of lion to the target domain of Abid in praise of Abid. These metaphors include (عنبري زلفي) *"aNbari zulfe*-locks with the scent or colour of ambergris", (کد سروزروغنچه) *"gulaabi mukh*-rosy cheeks", (عروزروغنچه) *"da sro zaro ghuncha*-golden bunch", (د کلوخانکه) *"da gulo Tsaangah*-a flowery branch". These metaphors are drawn from the source domain of flowering plants, and are often used to emphasize the beauty of the beloved. The study found sixty three (63) instances of resemblance based metaphors and similes in the data.

### Discussions

The analysis revealed that the Pashto speaking community draws on various experiential gestalts to process and comprehend abstract concepts. These source domains include journey, war, fire, disease, forces, objects, containers, generic attributes, and motion, which structure the abstract concepts in Pashto landay. Some of the conceptual metaphors used by the Pashtuns, as the analysis revealed, are LOVE IS JOURNEY, LOVE IS WAR, LOVE IS FIRE, UNREQUITTED LOVE IS DISEASE, EMOTIONS ARE FORCES, EMOTIONS ARE OBJECTS, HEART IS CONTAINER, GREAT CHAIN OF BEING METAPHOR, GENERIC IS SPECIFIC METAPHOR, TIME IS OBJECT IN MOTION and TIME IS SPACE. These conceptual metaphors have also been found in previous literature (Lakoff, 1993; Lakoff & Johnson, 1980b; Pischurnikova, 2017; Sardaraz & Ali, 2017; Sardaraz & Nusrat, 2019) except LOVE IS FIRE and UNREQUITTED LOVE IS DISEASE. Moreover, the analysis reveals that 396 metaphors in 930 couplets which constitutes 42 percent of the collected data. The analysis also found 63 resemblance based metaphors or poetic metaphors, which constitutes six percent of the total populations. This reflects that Pashto landay, having a lot of conventional metaphors, are composed generally by common folk, because poets often use language laden with imagery. However, the results do not claim any generalization about the use of these conceptual metaphors, and recommends more studies from a cognitive linguistic perspective to explore further experiential domains in Pashto folklore.

This paper adds evidence to CMT view that the conceptual metaphor is a universal phenomenon across all languages, with slight cultural deviations. This paper found eleven conceptual metaphors. The findings corroborates those of previous research in major languages, such as in English (Lakoff, 1993; Lakoff & Johnson, 1980a, 1980b; Lakoff & Turner, 1999) Arabic (Sardaraz 2017; Sardaraz & Ali, 2016, 2017) and Chinese (Yu, 1998) and (Boroditsky, 2001). These metaphors also

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indicate the general outlook and world view of the Pashtun community is similar to other communities. But cultural differences leave impact on the life and language of the community. The analysis revealed a few different conceptual metaphors such as LOVE IS WAR, LOVE IS FIRE and UNREQUITTED LOVE IS DISEASE. The LOVE IS WAR metaphor in Pashto poetry was investigated by Pischurnikova (2017). The analysis revealed that this metaphor has also been used in Pashto *landay*. This metaphor might be used in Pashto language and poetry because of the Pashto speaking community's long experience of war. LOVE IS FIRE and UNREQUITTED LOVE IS DISEASE might relate to the traditional cultural taboos of Pashtun society, where women, as Khalil (2011) and Rahimi (2017) argue, live in a male dominated society. The Pashto speaking community might consider love as a fire or a disease which cannot be cured in a society, where marriages are arranged by parents. These metaphors add to the existing literature on conceptual metaphor.

This paper gives a new dimension to the categorization and classification of Pashto *landay*. Previously, it was classified on the basis of topics such as *godar*, accusation, separation, moon, valour, honour, *didan*, heart and eyes (Benewa, 1958; Noorzi, 2014). The present paper offers a different approach on the basis of conceptual metaphor themes which helps in the classification of *landay* on the basis of conceptual metaphors which are used for structuring abstract concepts. This paper has examined a small portion of *landay*, and could be extended to discover more conceptual metaphor themes used in *landay*.

This paper has taken a different approach to the figurative language of Pashto language from CMT perspective, which argues that metaphor is generated by conceptual correlations structured in the human conceptual system. Some conceptual correlations have been investigated in the present paper, which may prove instrumental in redirecting research into the figurative use of language in Pashto language and poetry. The findings differ from previous studies (e.g. Rafigh, 1930; Noorzi, 2014; Rahimi, 2017; Halimi, n.d.), locating figurative language in thought rather than in language. The major contribution of this paper is introduction of CMT to Pashto folklore, investigation of major experiential source domains used in Pashto folklore, finding of conceptual metaphor themes, which perhaps hitherto not explored, and giving a new touch to the classification of *landay*. This paper might prove instrumental in rebirth of interest in investigation of figurative language in Pashto literature and literary criticism,

#### Conclusion

The analysis revealed eleven conceptual metaphors in the data. Pashto *landay*, being anonymous, and as it can be composed by any Pashtun, can represent the general world view of Pashto speakers. The major experiential gestalts used in Pashto *landay* are journey, war, fire, disease, forces, objects, container, motion and space to conceptualize the abstract concepts of love, emotions, time and events. The findings of this paper support CMT's claim that conceptual metaphor is pervasively used in both everyday language and literature, and it further corroborates the conceptual metaphor themes found in previous literature. But, this paper also found the conceptual metaphors of LOVE IS WAR, UNREQUITTED LOVE IS DISEASE and LOVE IS FIRE, which may add to the existing literature on conceptual metaphor in general. Moreover, this paper offers conceptual metaphor approach to the classification of Pashto *landay*, which may enrich the existing literature on Pashto *landay*. However, this paper has investigated a small portion of Pashto *landay*, which may be extended in future research to discover more conceptual metaphors used in Pashto language and literature.

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