# 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 سپینه خوله مې د پرار وکړ Puh spinah khluh me de parar ukṛu Your kissing left a scar on my lips زه به بخیلې مور ته څه ځواب کومه؟ Zuh bah bakhile mor ta Tsu Tzawaab kawumah How will I argue with my puritanical mother?

Male
مور ته دی داسی خواب ووایه
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

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

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 '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. تلاپي The resemblance based metaphors compare the attributes of two concepts or objects, such as ( علاپي سخ) "qulapi 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 (جدائي 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.

اب كوثر جانانه راشه 1 Aab e kawthar jaanaanah rashah Oh my sweet and fragrant beloved! Come, د بېلتانه په سفر ځم تږي 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 کوڅې به درنه ولي بېلومه Da zru koTse bah dur na wale belawumah Why should I separate the channel of my heart from you? جدایی راغله لارې دوه شوې 3 Judaaye raghlah laare dwe shwe Separation came, Paths diverged مرک 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

In these couplets, the words (عبلتانه په سفر ) "da belthanuh puh safar-on the journey of separation" in (1), the lexical items (د زړه کوځي) "da zṛu koTse-channels of heart and (بېلومه) "belawumah-separate" in (2), the utterance (لارې دوه شوي) "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

Love has also been mapped as war. The analysis reveals fifty eight (58) linguistic instantiations of this conceptual metaphor. Various concepts from the source domain of war are used to explain various states of love. These experiential concepts are (د تورو گوزارونه) "da thuro guzaarunah-blows of swords", (خصونه) "zakhmunah-wounds", (دردونه) "daaghunah-pains" (خصونه) "wishthumah-struck", (شید کړم) "shahid kṛum-martyred", (داغونه) "daaghunah-wounds", (شید کړم) "Jirgah-Jirgah", "wuwishtumah-struck", (شړک) "shṛuk-blow", (ظلمونه) "zulmunah-cruelties" (جرگه) "Jirgah-Jirgah", (شیدکه) "daghawe-cause wounds", (شیدکه) "wishtule yumah-I have been struck", (په غشو د بنو) "daghawe-cause wounds", (ویشتلی یمه) "wishthum-struck", (ویشتل) "wishtul-to strike", (ویشتل) "wazhul-kill", (ویشتل) "wishtul-to strike", (خرابوینه) "chaṛe mandul-stabs with knife", (وینه سنول) "wazhul-kill", (خرابوینه) "wine dakawinah-offend", (خرابوینه) "kharabawinah-destroy", (ژوبل) "zhobul-wounded", (خرابوینه) "wine dakawinah-fill something with blood", (خوبنو رنگ) "nunawaathe-ritual soliciting forgiveness after a fight", (خرابوینه) "sturge de dake thomanche di-your eyes are loaded pistols", (کوله ماری) "golah maari-shelling", "guzaar-blow" "guzaar-blow" "golah maari-shelling", "guzaar-blow"

and (نوپک 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.

د ستر کو جنګ دی و ر ته 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 baŅṛu puh zṛuh wishtul kawinah The curled eyelashes strike at the heart یه لاره تلی مخ دی راستون کرو 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 اب و دانه مي شوه تمامه Aab wa daanah me shwah thamaamah My subsistence has finished ليلا په زړه راکړل د تورو گوزارونه Laylaa puh zṛu rakṛul da thuro guzarunah Laylaa stabbed my heart with a sword باران د اوښکومي ورېږي Baaraan da ohko me waregi My tears pour down like rain بی نیازه پارراته په زړه راکړل زخمونه Benyaazah yaar rathah pu zru raakrul zakhmunah The arrogant beloved caused wounded my heart

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 (وويشتمه) "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, (زخمونه) "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", (المبير) "lambe-flames", (سوزم) "balegi-burning", (سوزم) "swazawinah-burns", (سوزم) "swazum-l am burning", (سورم) "sezi-burns", (سومه) "swuma-burnt", (سوري) "suwi-roasted", (لوگى) "loge-smoke", (سوري) "kababawinah-to be turned into roast", (ستى) "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).

اور چي بليږي اخر مړ شي Or che balegi akher mur shi Where fire burns, it eventually burns out د مینی اور سری تر عمره سوزوینه 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 Puh maa de Tzwaanah Tzwaani or kṛah 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! تنور چی تود شی اخیر سوړ شی Thanur che thowd shi akher sor shi A hot oven eventually cools down زړه چې مئين شي همېشه لمبي و هينه Zṛu che mayan shi hameshah lambe wahinah When a heart is infatuated, it always ejects flames راشه زما یه څنګ کی کبنه Raashah zumaa puh Tsang ke kenah Come and sit by my side چې درته 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", (المبي) "lambe-flames", (اور) "balegi-burning", (سوزوينه) "swazawinah-burns" in (9), (اور) "or-fire" in (10), (تتور) "Thanur-oven/tanur", (تود) "thowd-hot" and (سوړ) "sor-cold" in (11) and (تود) "suwi zṛuh-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 (غبونه) "wedu-sleep", (غمونه) "ghamunah-worries", (غربه) "gham-sorrow", (غمونه) "dardunah-pains", (زنگېږم) "zangegum-I am feeling dizzy", (مربونه) "maraz-illness", (ننگېږم) "thore wine-dark blood", (د هجران بنامار خوړل) "da hijraan haamaar khwarul-biting of the serpent of parting", (دنځ) "ranTz-illness", (دارو) "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 چې 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 qorah zumaa da laas raqunah O Doctor! Don't take my pulse زما د زړه ناچاره رنځه

Zumaa da zru nachaarah ranTzah

Oh, the helpless sickness in my heart

نه دې دارو شته نه دې حال ويلي شمه

Nuh de daaru shtah nuh de haal wayule shumah

You have neither cure, nor can I tell your state of health

شال يې په سر اوږي په غاړه 15

Shaal ye puh sar ogi puh ghaarah

Wearing a shawl on her head and necklace round her neck

گودر ته لاړه عاشقان ر نځورو ينه

Godar (ford) thah laarah a'asheqaan ranTzurawinah

She went to Godar (ford) for causing the lovers diseased

د خولي مي تورې ويني لاړې 16

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 zṛuh khwaṛule 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 (صرض) "maraz-illness" maps the psychosomatic state of unrequited love which cannot be cured by (طبیب) a "thabib-doctor". In (14), (خنی) "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 (رنځورو ینه) "ranTzurawinah-causing someone's disease" mapping unrequited love as the cause 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, (تورې وینې) "thore wine-dark blood" and similarly, in (عورې وینې) "da hijraan haamaar khwaṛul-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.

خلک می ټول تيوس له راغله 17

Khalk me tol tapaos lah raghlu

Everyone visited me to inquire about my health

هغه رانغلو چي يي 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

زه په عاشق سړی يو هېږم 18

Zuh puh a'aashiq sari pohegum

I know he who is in love

يا يي رنګ زېړ وي يا يي شونډي وچي وينه

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 zhaṛawi da raqibaano peghorunah

The rivals' taunts make me weep

20 د ناز کتو دې اثري کړم

Da naaz katho de asari kṛum

Your flirtatious looks pit a spell on me

د کړس خندا دې لېوني د دنيا کړمه

Da kṛus khandaa de lewane da dunyaa kṛumah

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.

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

O grief of my love! I am your living place کله دې غم راباندې بار شي کله دې غم کله دې غم راباندې بار شي Kulah de gham raabande baar shi Sometimes, my sorrow of love overburdens me کله دې مينه په درانو کاڼو تلمه کله دې مينه په درانو کاڼو تلمه Kulah de meenah pu drano kaŅro 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 (غ) "gham-grief" and (مينه) "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 Zṛuh me nari darzunah wukuṛ 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 مي ګوتي کېده Rashah puh zṛuh 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 gul shi Just as a fig will not sprout a flower in daylight نه به زما زړگی د غمه خالی شينه 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 نړیږی د زړګی 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 "Zṛuh me nari darzunah wukuṛ- my heart has been seriously cracked". The utterance "puh zṛuh 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 (نرچری "naṛegi-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 wṛinah 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 پاراني 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 qabulah krumah My beloved accepted me with all the slanders 32 د جانان ژبی ته حیران 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), (حرکر) "murg-death" is mapped as something which can be given to someone, as evident from the verb (جرکری) "warkre-give". Landay at (30) maps (نصیب) "nasib-fortune" as a thing which is (خراب) "kharaab-bad or spoiled". In (31), (تهمت) "thuhmath-slander/lies" is metaphorically represented as an object which can be possessed. Similarly, the clause (خوری پستی خبری) 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

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

باده په باد مي سلام وايه 34

Baadah puh baad me salaam waayah

O wind! Give my greetings to the wind

په 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

آسمانه درز و هه راولوبره 35

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

بارانه ورو، ورو پرې ورېږه 36

Baraanah wro wro pre waregah

Oh Rain! Pour on them lightly

وړې، وړې جنکئ غره ته تللي دينه

Ware ware jinakay ghru thah thlule Dinah

Little girls have gone to the hills

سپوږمئ سلام به درته وکړم 37

Spogay salaam bah durthah wukrrum

Oh Moon! I will pay you my greetings

جانان می مه رسوا کوه ماته راځينه

Jaanaan me mah ruswaa kawah maa thah raTzinah

Don't disgrace my beloved, he is visiting me

پاس پربام مه خېژه کوتري 38

Paas pur baam mah khezhah kawthare

Don't climb up on the roof, O Dove!

يورته اسمان كي به سيين لمرشر منده 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", "spoqay-moon" and "lmar-sun" as persons. In (33) to (37), "baad-wind", "aasmaan-

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).

اختره ستا د برکته 39

Akhtharah sthah da barakatah

O Akhthara! Because of your blessings

د جنکو په سينه زانځي زيړ ګلونه

Da jinako pu sinah zangi zyer gulunah

Yellow flowers are bouncing on the chests of girls

باغ ته دې تګ مناسب نه دې 40

Baagh thah de thag munaseb nuh de

Your visit to the garden is not appropriate

ګلان شرمېږی مخ په پاڼوپټوينه

Gulaan sharmegi much puh paŅŗo putawinah

Flowers feel shy, cover their faces with leaves

گلاب د اصله شهزاده دی 41

Gulaab da aasalah shahzaadah de

Rose is the real prince -

رامببل چامببل یی نوکران نیولی دینه

Raambel chaambel ye nokaraan niwuli dinah

Hired jasmine flowers as his servants

ببلتون یه هر چا مبلمه کیږی 42

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

كاغذه لار شه يه هوا شه كاغذه لار

Kaaghuzah laar shah puh hawaa sha

O letter! Go with utmost speed

په عاشقانو باندې واپه سلامونه

Puh A'ashegaano bande waayah salaamunah

Give my greetings to the lovers

ګودره بخت دي غلبه دي 44

Godurah bakht de ghalabah de

O Godurah! Your fate is dominant

د پیغلو جنو سیل کوی حیران دی کړمه

Da peghlo jino sel kawi hayraan de krumah

Young girls visits you, make me amazed

يبزوانه ستا نه ګيله من يم 45

Pezwaanah sthah na gilaman yum

O Rose Ring! I am annoyed with you

د لیلا سری شونډی خو تا ښکل کړی دینه Da lailaa sre shunde kho thaa hkul kuri Dinah You have kissed the red lips of Lailaa چې فکر بند په زولنو کړم 46 Che fikur band puh zawlano kṛum I shackle my thoughts, but چی رانه خلاص شی برابر جانان له ځينه Che raanah khlas shi baraabar jaanaan lah Tzinah When once breaks free, it goes at once to my beloved خاونده کوم يو په کې خوښ کړم 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 A'alamah yo lah bul Tzaregay O People! Love each other مرک رایسی دی نیمه خوا به یاتی شونه Murg raapuse de nimah khwaa bah paathe shinah Death is after us, and we will be left disappointed غم دى دا ستا نه وفادار دى Gham de daa shtaa nah wafaadaar de Your grief is more loyal than you ته كله كله غم دي تل راسره وينه Thuh kulah kulah gham de thul raasarah winah You come sometimes, your grief is always with me قسمته خدای لیاره ویس شه Qimathah Khuday lapaarah wih shah

نصیب زما د لاری مل راسره ځینه Nasib zumaa da laare mal raasarah Tzinah Fate is my companion, accompanying me everywhere

O Fortune! For God's sake get up! څوک تر قیامته یوري نه کوي خوبونه

51

I fled from my fate

Tsok thur qiyamatha pore nu kawi khobunah No one does sleep till the Day of Judgement

ما د نصيب نه تبښته وکړه Maa da nasib na thehthah wukrah

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 sociocultural concepts, such as (بيلتون) "belthun-separation" are represented as a (مبلمه "melmah-gust" in (42), (كاغن) "kaaghuz-letter" as a person who can convey the greetings of one person to another in (43), "godar-a social place for women to meet and bring water or ford" as a person with good luck in (44), and (بپزوان) "pezwan-nose ring" as a person, kissing a girl in (45). Similarly, abstract concepts are also conceptualized as persons. The concept (فکر) "fikar-thinking", is mapped as a prisoner in shackles in (46), (حرک) "murg-death" in (47) and (48), (غم) "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.

زړګيه ځان ورته تکړه کړه 52

Zuṛgiyah Tzaan wurthah thakṛah kṛah

O heart! Prepare yourself for it

اشنا د سپین مخ نه نقاب پورته کوینه

Aashnaa da spin much nah niqab porthah kawinah

My beloved is removing the veil from her face

زړګيه صبر دې په خدای شه

Zurgiyah sabar de puh Khudai shah

O heart! May you have patience with your Lord

جانان په غټو خلکو ځان حسابوينه

Jaanaan puh ghato khalko Tzaan hisaabawinah

My beloved considers himself among important people

زړګيه صبرشه مه ژاړه 54

Zurgiyah sabar shah mah zhaarah

O heart! Be patient, don't weep

ستایه ژړا اشنا د نازخندا کوینه

Sthah puh zharah Aashnaa da naaz khandaa razinah

My beloved smiles coquettishly at your weeping

زړګيه مينه په کې نشته 55

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

سترګي دیدن وکړي مړې شي 56

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), (زړګي) "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), (سترګي) "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 تبر شی بیا به راشی 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 ارمان به وکړې وخت به تېر وې Aarmaan bah wukre wakht bah ther wi You will regret it, but time will have passed بيا به وطن راپسي ګوري 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 لیاره پربردم Wathan bah sthah lapaarah pregdum I will leave the land for your sake چې ستا د حسن دوران تېر شي رابه 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 چې د اشنا سره به بر ګودر 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) "dawraan-duration" in (59) and (ساعت) "saa'ath-hour" in (60) are mapped as moving objects through the corresponding verbs (تبر شي) "ther shi-passed" and (راشي) "raashi-will come" in (57), (تبر شي) "ther wi-will 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.

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

In couplet (61), the spatial preposition ( $\angle 2$ ) "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", (کلابي مخ) "gulaabi mukh-rosy cheeks", (عرون وغنچه) "da sro zaro ghuncha-golden bunch", (علائيا مخانگه) "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

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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