

## Believing To Magic Power of Words in the Kyrgyz Tradition

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### Abstract:

This article discusses Kyrgyz people beliefs about magical power of words as part of people spiritual culture, national worldview, ancient heritage left by ancestors and inexhaustible rituals. As all means in the language are closely connecting with people life, there is scientific evidence that words have a magical effect on a person and that the power of words can determine a person's future. The person future and destiny determined by what he says and thinks.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Every nation has own beliefs and worldview to different situations. Spirituality distinguished from all other things as humanism, values, people

morality and mental health by its connection with sacred values that can be expressed by theoretical model of causal pathways for mental health shown in Figure 1 (Koenig, 2012).

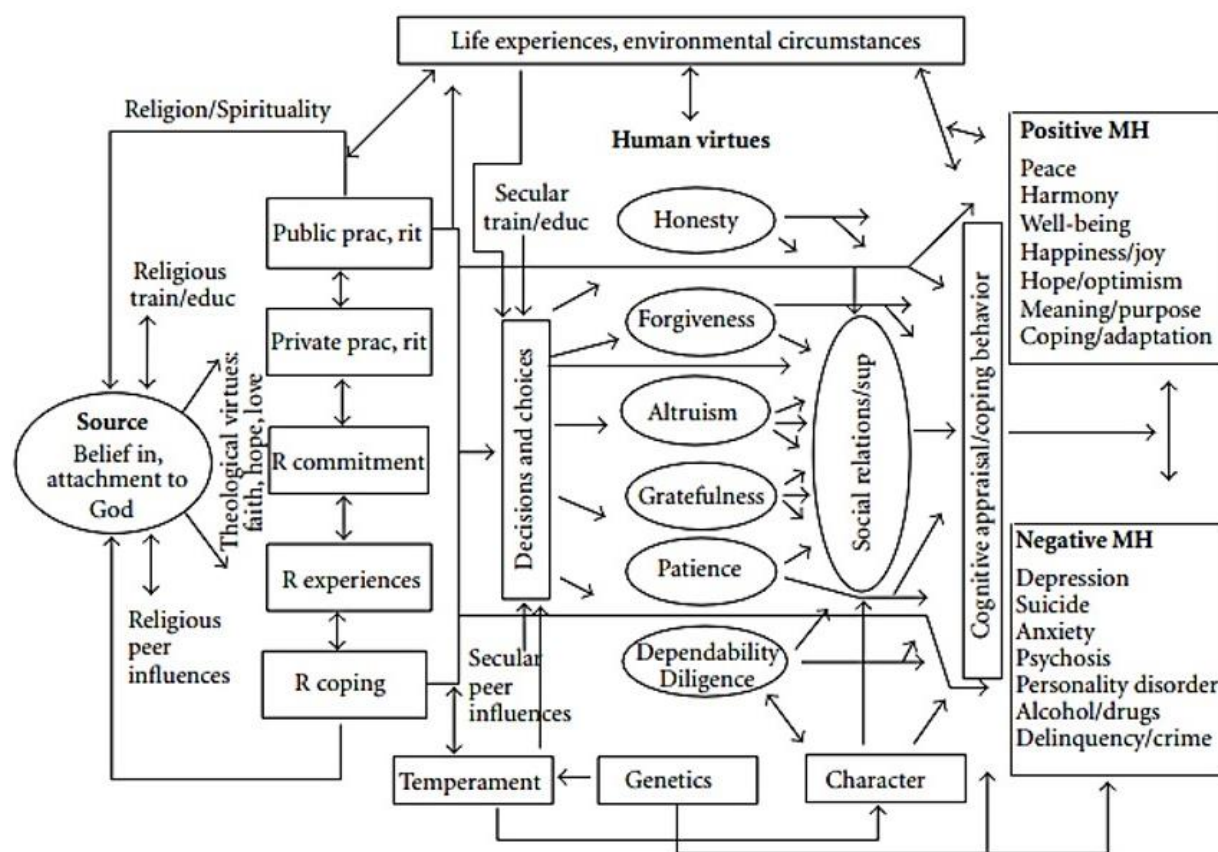


Figure 1. Theoretical model of causal pathways for mental health based on monotheistic religions Islam, Judaism and Christianity (Reproduced from Koenig, 2012).

These beliefs are transferring to next generation through the mother tongue where parents need to adapt their speech to how much their children understand (Kennison & Byrd-Craven, 2015). Among them are the Kyrgyz people beliefs about the magical power of speech as a part of people spiritual culture directly relating with health (Koenig, 1997; Koenig, 2011). Spirituality considered as essential phenomena in the context of human existence (Skrzypińska, 2021).

In addition, historical phenomenon provides a broad picture about people way of life. Beliefs about speech magic power are an ancient legacy left to us by our ancestors. The word as a symbol, being the main a means of storing and transmitting sacred information for traditional culture, also acts as an integral way of knowing and mastering the world, a way in organizing reality and a form of primary

self consciousness, distinguishing “one’s own” from “unknown” and “mastered” from “unmastered” (Osmonova, 2015).

## Research methods and materials

This article is describing the Kyrgyz people beliefs about word magical power expressed through language, mainly through proverbs, sayings and established ancient folk believes. According to this, several proverbs clearly reflecting the Kyrgyz people beliefs about the magical power of speech were explained.

## 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Beliefs to the word magical power expressed through language and inherited by previous generations, mental image of nation's worldview, universe, human society, human and his main problems in general. Since the language represents spiritual and material culture, people historical development, the folk beliefs

expressed through language are also convey a lot of information on these issues. In ancient times, rethinking and artistic processing of original, vague and obscure images of myths led to development to the emergence in art, which were expressed by ideological, aesthetic and mythical basics in ancient tribes' worldview (Oruzbaeva & Sayakbaev, 2015).

Because the nation spiritual rituals, notions, everlasting traditions, customs, some phenomena preserving the Kyrgyz people identity and transferred to the future generations, are related to the Kyrgyz word, the word dignity and its magical power (Abramzon, 1990). Therefore, beliefs about speech are an integral part of an ancient Kyrgyz people spiritual wealth.

The essential feature of traditional Kyrgyz culture is the presence of sacred reality and ordinary being with connection to a person life in a traditional society, as it proceeds in these two forms of being through their unity and opposition, which determine the main coordinate system within mythological and religious ideas, collective experience, folk knowledge function and development of moral norms with social behavior patterns (Osmonova, 2016).

Proto philosophical forms of ideology reflected social existence within the framework and everyday worldview, mythology context, religious and mythological forms of knowledge; Kyrgyz people ideology definition features, the process of its formation, consistent and reasonable application of its specific moments in solving ideological and other problems become an important economical tool, political and other incentives in development that can have a strong impact on the process of national consciousness formation (Subanbekova, 2017).

Beliefs about the words magical power are valuable because they contain wealth of information about the people, their language and culture. Therefore, in such

folk beliefs, Kyrgyz child language and culture, ethnocultural, ethnopsychological features are closely intertwined and interrelated. Thus, beliefs about speech are a phenomenon in Kyrgyz society reflecting the people cultural identity.

All the means of language are closely connected with people life. The Kyrgyz people are an ancient people who lived a long nomadic life (Otunchieva et al., 2021). That is why archaic, ancient worldviews are still being conserved. These issues clearly reflected in the Kyrgyz people beliefs about the magical power of speech. For example, the ancient belief that the human eye and the word have magical powers is still valid. In this regard, the concepts of "evil eye", "evil words", "Creator, keep our child out of sight, out of words", "Be out of sight, out of words" are the ancient beliefs of the Kyrgyz people. In Kyrgyzstan, the belief in word power, which has a profound effect on people, is especially high. There is a saying in this regard: "A good word melts the soul, and a bad word hurts the soul."

In this article, it was explained that word has power to affect a person like magic. From this proverb, we can see how important the word is in the life of a Kyrgyz person. In addition, it can be seen that words have a significant role on people's lives. Therefore, for the Kyrgyz child, the word is perceived as a phenomenon that has a great, influential effect on a person like magic.

The Kyrgyz people have always understood that the magic power of the word connected with its timely, appropriate, consistent, accurate, precise and polite pronunciation. Such notions were clearly reflected in established ancient folk proverbs. For example, the Kyrgyz proverb "Speak thoughtfully, even if you play jokingly" has always guided a person to speak appropriately and politely, and taught him not to spoil anyone's mood and not to pollute his soul with words. Furthermore, the timely utterance of

proverb, "If the word is not spoken, the father of word dies," indicates that word have magical power.

Certainly, timely speech is always necessary, powerful and effective. This implies that the power of speech depends on the conversation circumstances as well as on seasonal circumstances (Kopylenko, 1995).

The proverb "Who couldn't say breaks the word, who couldn't manage spoils people" implies that a well-articulated word has magical power. The Kyrgyz people are convinced that the word is alive (Bayalieva, 1972). They respected the word, paid great attention to word and worshiped the word. Actually, a person's future and destiny are determined by what he says and thinks. Word is a product of human thought. Meditation is the result of a person's beliefs, education, and worldview.

Thinking determines people actions and direction in their lives. Accordingly, everyone is engaged in different activities and lives a different life. Therefore, a person's thoughts, reflections, and words are crucial to his destiny. That is why the Kyrgyz people transferring the centuries-old experience of worldview to their future generations in the form of proverbs and sayings. For example, proverb "Beware of three threats. The first is mouth threat, the second is meal threat, the third is head threat", contains a number of insights in the negative thinking on human life. Here "mouth threat" or "word threat" mentioned as initial threats. A person's enthusiasm, desire, heart, and actions begin with his thoughts and words. Mouth threat is a manifestation of an immature, fragile inner world of a person. It is a barrier to close relation and communication between people. Therefore, a person with mouth threat will never recover. There are many consequences of starvation. Such a person's sustenance will increase and his family will not prosper. Meal threat consequences are also exist. Such person's food will not be enough and no blessings

be at home. There is a belief that a hungry person will starve to death.

Kyrgyz people have a noble notion that "head is wealth". When the bride arrives, they say, "We got a head", and when the baby is born, they celebrate with saying, "Head was joined to our heads". There is also a proverb, "Wealth is not wealth, but head is wealth". Underestimating someone's son or daughter is a sign of worthlessness. That is why the Kyrgyz people are radically opposed to the "head threat." Consequently, person with the head threat will not have children and will be useless. Thus, the meaning of this proverb is very deep and serious. Because it is said that a person's thoughts and words have magical powers and can determine his future destiny. Thus, the meaning of this proverb is very deep and serious. It is said that a person's thoughts and words have magical power and can determine his future destiny.

For Kyrgyz people the word is eternal. Similarly to the proverb, "The highest art is eloquence", art like language, is eternal. Therefore, the word is magical; it does not obey anyone's force, to any power and to time obstacles. That is the words power. Such Kyrgyz worldviews are as follows: "Even if a good person dies, his word does not die", "There is a head cut, there is no tongue cut", "People speak everything", "Bullet wounds end, but words wounds do not", "If one speaks warmly, even snake will come out of hole," "hurt with words, heal with words" and so on. These proverbs are based on the Kyrgyz beliefs and worldviews about words power. These facts show that the Kyrgyz beliefs related to the word magic power affecting the soul, mind and future destiny of a person and have a central, hopeful and life giving power.

Our beliefs about the word magical power contain national spirit hidden treasures, our world inexhaustible history, cultural values, which have not yet been studied. It is important to study the words magic power in detail. Because the Kyrgyz

people, through the power and influence of the word, have guided people to morality, faith, knowledge, happiness, purity, height, sacred feelings, values, and honest work. The power of speech enriches people's intellect and motivates them to engage in creative activities. It can help a person to reorganize himself, to re-educate himself.

### 3. CONCLUSION

Thus, beliefs on the above mentioned words magical power are the traces of Kyrgyz nation spiritual worldview that has been studying for centuries. Therefore, such beliefs are a national treasure, an indestructible, genuine national value. In this regard, believing to the magical power of speech has become a traditional phenomenon among the Kyrgyz people.

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