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Comprehension, Obligation and Determination of Mizaj

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Abstract:

Fundamental framework of Unani system of medicine (USM) is based on philosophical principles and concepts like *arkan*, *Tabi'at* and *mizaj* etc. For better understanding of these concepts one should know their contexts and need of time when these were proposed. The concept of *mizaj* is unique which distinguishes USM from other traditional systems of medicine. *Mizaj* provides inviduality to every compound (including human). According to philosophy of USM every compound in this world is composed of four *arkan*. In spite of same composition i.e. four *arkan*, compounds existing in this world are different in their structures and functions. *Mizaj* addresses the diversity of compounds. In the simplest words *mizaj* encompasses various functional and structural profiles of the objects both animate and inanimate. Not only in their composition but in survival also *mizaj* play a pivotal role along with ambient environment. There are several other factors that affect *mizaj*. Relevant literary materials are collected from classical Unani literature, Journals and theses. Collected material then systematized in a comprehensive manner for better understanding of this concept. The aim of this paper is to explain the concept of *mizaj* in detail along with its obligation and determination.

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