# The Concept Of "God" And Its Expression In The Picture Of The World Of Different Structures - Turkish And Russian - Languages (On The Example Of The Semantic Fields Of Phraseological Units)

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**Abstract.** The article analyzes the semantic fields of phraseological units containing the concept of "God" and reflecting its understanding in the picture of the world of languages with different structures. The aim of the study is to identify the specifics of the representations of God in Orthodox and Islamic linguo cultures through a comprehensive comparative study of the semantic fields of phraseological units expressing the concept of "God" in languages of different structure, as well as to identify common and particular semantic features. The object of the study is phraseological units containing the concept of "God". The subject of the study is the semantic fields of phraseological units as a means of expressing the concept of "God" in languages with different structures. Russian and Turkish were taken as an example of languages with different structures.

The theoretical basis of the study were the works of domestic and foreign linguists studying phraseological units, cognitive and psycholinguistic aspects of translation. The methodological basis was formed by the ideas and provisions of cognitive linguistics, linguistic theory of translation, psycholinguistics, linguo culturology. The study is based on general scientific principles of consistency, correspondence, completeness, complementarity, consistency, determinism and verification. The study used such scientific methods as the method of semantic-cognitive analysis, the method of unity of historical and logical in socio-cultural knowledge, relative, comparative. Based on the purpose and objectives, the work used comparative analysis, interdisciplinary synthesis and other methods of general scientific methodology.

The main conclusions of the study: the study of the semantic fields of phraseological units containing the concept of "God" shows the peculiarities of the picture of the world of native

speakers, allowing you to better understand the specifics of their mentality, worldview, axiological priorities that affect decision-making and the choice of behavioral algorithms in everyday life and in crisis, borderline situations.

**Keywords:** metaphor, concept, God, translation, semantic fields, denotation, person, language, text, mentality.

#### Introduction

The relevance of the topic chosen for scientific research within the framework of this article is not fully determined by the elaboration of the problem of mutual contact between language and culture in the space of phraseological units, which affects the translation difficulties both in direct and indirect communication of speakers of different structural languages in the modern situation of multicultural interaction.

The choice of the object of study - phraseological units containing the concept "God" - and the subject - the semantic fields of phraseological units as a means of expressing the concept "God" in languages of different structure is explained by the special meaning of this concept in axiological systems, which has an extra cultural, some universal meaning, however nevertheless, which has a unique national flavor in the context of each culture.

In the modern scientific space, in particular, between representatives of linguo culturological and cognitive approaches, there is no consensus on the interpretation of one of the most important concepts of linguistics - the concept. In our study, we will proceed from the understanding of the concept proposed by D.S. Likhachev as "a kind of "algebraic expression of meaning ... a discrete unit of collective consciousness, which is stored in the national memory of native speakers in a verbally designated form"<sup>1</sup>, since the concept is a synthesis of the meaning of a word, consisting of its dictionary meaning and interpretation through the prism of popular consciousness and experience.

#### Materials and methods

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Likhachev D. S. Conceptosphere of the Russian language // Russkaya slovesnost': Antologiya. M.: Academia, 1997. P. 28-37B. – P.30.

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#### Research material

# Russian language:

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# Turkish language:

- "Great Turkish Dictionary" by Mehmed Dogan (Doğan M., Doğan Büyük Türkçe Sözlük);
  - Güncel Türkçe Sözlük [онлайн] Access mode: https://sozluk.gov.tr/;
  - Atasözleri ve Deyimler Sözlüğü [online] Access mode: <a href="https://sozluk.gov.tr/">https://sozluk.gov.tr/</a>.

**Research texts:** the most common metaphors containing the concept of "God".

# Research criteria:

- 1. common in the processes of metaphorization (complete identity of the meanings of the semantic fields of phraseological units containing the concept of "God");
- 2. similar in the processes of metaphorization (incomplete identity of the meanings of the semantic fields of phraseological units containing the concept of "God");
- 3. complete lack of match.

#### **Results and discussion**

Semantically, the concept "God" reveals its semantic structure through the semantics of such concepts as "heaven", "paradise", "light", "fate", "good", "soul". At the same time, N.V. Shvedova and T.Yu. Peredrienko in the semantic fields of the concept "God" distinguish four phraseosemantic micro fields: "characteristic", "activity", "attitude", "state". However, in the course of this study, other micro fields were identified:

- emotions and feelings (see table №1);
- position (agreement-doubt-confirmation) (see table №2);

- "recognition of the will/power/wisdom of the Almighty" (see table №3);
- praise to the Almighty (see table №4);

The main points of the analysis are given below, for example, divided into tables.

Table №1 "Emotions and feelings"

Russian language	Turkish language	
Surprise expression		
Oh my God!	Allah Allah! / Аллах Аллах!	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
1) an exclamation expressing surprise or	1) şaşma veya can sıkıntısı anlatan bir ünlem:	
boredom: "God! God! How did the stunted	'Allah Allah! Köşedeki cılız erik ağacı böyle	
plum in the corner bloom so? -A. Ilhan.	nasıl çiçeklenivermiş.' -A. İlhan.	
2) The attacking cry of a Turkish soldier: "At	2) Türk askerinin hücum narası: 'Misilsiz	
the tip of the bayonet of the mediocre	Mehmetçiğin süngüsü ucunda Allah Allah	
Mehmetchik, a voice sounds: God God"N.	diye bir ses ihtizaz eder.' -N. F. Kısakürek.	
F. Kysakyurek.		

**Table №2 "Position" (agreement-doubt-confirmation)** 

Russian language	Turkish language	
Verification of the truth		
If godly, then	Allah (Allah'ı) var	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
Tell the truth, in truth:	'doğrusunu söylemek gerekirse' anlamında	
	kullanılan bir söz:	
	Allah var, böyle bir işi o yapmaz.	
Doubt, expression of ignorance		
God knows!	Allah bilir	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
1) Word meaning "unclear/not sure": Do you	1)'belli değil' anlamında kullanılan bir söz:	
think it will rain? -God knows!	Yağmur yağar mı dersin? -Allah bilir!	
2) A word that means "it seems to me": "God	2) 'bana öyle geliyor ki' anlamında kullanılan	
knows, he would have said a whole truckload	bir söz: 'Allah bilir, bu kadarcık kestirdiği	
of words even in such a short dream." –E.	için bile bir araba dolusu laf edecekti.' -E.	
Shafak.	Şafak.	
Confirmation of the thought, situation, merits of a particular person		
Truly!	-Allah için	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
It means that God is truth, that is, "truly" is	-gerçekten, doğrusu: 'Allah için kız buna	
equated in the meaning "in the name of God",	layık görünüyordu.' -H. E. Adıvar.	
but the name of God is not mentioned in vain,		

but God is truth and therefore this word is
used as an equivalent.

Table №3 "Recognition of the will/power/wisdom of the Almighty and acceptance of his will"

Russian language	Turkish language	
Acceptance of the situation		
How God permits	Allah ne verdiyse.	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
As God wills, so it will be, and it is not in our	'yiyecek olarak evde ne varsa' anlamında	
power.	kullanılan bir söz.	
God will not give out, the pig will not eat	-Allah övmüş de yaratmış	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
If God saves, then any trouble will bypass. /	Çok güzel olanlar için söylenen bir söz.	
Everything will work out.		
Acceptance of the will of the Almighty in difficult situations		
Trust in God, but don't make a mistake	Allah gümüş kapıyı kaparsa altın kapıyı	
yourself	açar	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
A person should not only trust in the	İşi bozulan kişi umutsuzluğa düşmemeli,	
Almighty, but also make efforts.	Tanrı'nın onu daha iyi bir işe kavuşturacağına	
	inanmalıdır.	
God is not Mikloshka, he sees a little	Allah dokuzda verdiğini sekizde almaz	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.	
God sees everything and will reward everyone	Alın yazısı ne ise o olur.	
in due time.		

Table №4 "Praise to the wisdom of the Almighty"

Russian language	Turkish language
Human guesses, but God does	-Allah'ın hikmeti
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.
God is powerful and above the will of man.	-Beklenmeyen, sebebi anlaşılmayan veya şaşılan şeyler için kullanılan bir söz: Allah'ın hikmeti, kayanın içinde kocaman bir ağaç bitmiş.
God is to people what a mother is to	-İşi Allah'a kalmak
children!	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.
God takes care of people like a mother takes	-Güç şartlar altında, kimseden yardım
care of her children	umudunun kalmadığı bir durumda bulunmak.

Neither the father to the children, as God to	-Allah'tan
the people	
Meaning Rus.	Meaning Tur.
A father does not take care of children the way	1) iyi ki: 'Allah'tan sessizdi sarhoşluğu.' -C.
God takes care of people. God's care for	Uçuk.
people is limitless.	2) yaradılıştan: Gözleri Allah'tan sürmeli.

There are many microfields that are similar to each other and the edges between which are difficult to discern. For example, the statement of knowledge that God always comes to the aid of a person in difficult times can be attributed to both the "hope in wisdom" microfield and the "praise to the Almighty" microfield<sup>2</sup>.

For example.

# -Allah kulundan geçmez

/ literal translation - God does not abandon his servant

Meaning Tur. - Tanrı dar zamanlarında kulunun imdadına yetişir.

Meaning Rus. - God comes to the aid of his servant in his difficult times.

# -Allah sağ gözü (eli) sol göze (ele) muhtaç etmesin / - literal translation - May Allah not force the right eye (right hand) to need the left eye (left hand).

Meaning Tur. - Tanrı kimseyi kimseye, en yakınlarına bile muhtaç etmesin.

Meaning Rus. - May Allah not make anyone need anyone, not even his next of kin.

In Russian language, the following proverbs can be indicated as equivalents to the above Turkish phraseological units: God has many mercy. God for mercy is not poor. God has a lot. God is merciful, and I, by his grace, am not miserable. We with sorrow, and God with mercy. He scolds him, but God saves him.

That is, in Russian, in comparison with Turkish, despite the proximity of semantic fields, a more "domesticated" attitude to God dominates, as an integral part of being, like relatives, relations with which are built on the basis of love. This is largely due to the fact that, within the framework of Orthodoxy, God appears as the primary truth, and love and care are recognized as the main motive for God's actions towards everyone. We believe that this is a consequence of the merging of Orthodoxy with the original, pre-Christian faith of the bearers of this linguistic culture, which formed the image of God as an infinite good, just, merciful principle.

Since the Turkish people belong to the Islamic culture, then, in addition to the diversity of structures of languages, the difference in the dominants of the semantic fields of the concept "God" is undoubtedly due to this circumstance. Representatives of this linguistic culture perceive Allah as an initially supreme, exalted and inaccessible being (Allah'tan yazılan bana gelecek. - "only what is prescribed by Allah will fall on the head"), controlling all the processes of the world (Garip kuşun yuvasını Allah yapar – "The nest of the unfortunate bird is built by God himself"). However, Allah is thought not only as a protector, but also the cause of misfortunes.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The word "Almighty" in the text of the article is used as an interfaith synonym for "God" and "Allah" to emphasize the unity of this concept.

#### Conclusions

The concept of "God" contains the general in the perception, representation, evaluation of individual-group consciousness and is a unit of the cognitive level.

The manifestation of the common in the processes of metaphorization (full identity of the meanings of the semantic fields of phraseological units containing the concept of "God"), similar in the processes of metaphorization (incomplete identity of the meanings of the semantic fields of phraseological units containing the concept of "God") and different in Russian and Turkish linguo cultures allows us to identify common cognitive structures in linguistic pictures of the world, as well as universal stereotypes of people's consciousness.

Being a multifaceted formation, the concept of "God" incorporates a variety of representations that provide a fan of possibilities in the manifestation of the features of linguistic content in the disclosure of the place and meaning of the concept in the mind and its reflection - the linguistic picture of the world of the studied linguistic cultures, as well as the axiological system.

The conceptosphere of Russian and Turkish linguistic cultures have their own specifics, including those reflected in the concept of "God". Common are: hope in the mercy of God, faith in his wisdom, categorical recognition of his supremacy. However, in Turkish linguistic culture, "God" is conceived as an infinitely inaccessible being, while in Russian linguistic culture it is more "domestic", which, from our point of view, is due to the assimilation of Orthodoxy by the pre-Christian faith of the ancient Russians. Nevertheless, the concept of "God" is central both for the Russian concept sphere and for the Russian consciousness.

The performed analysis of semantic fields gives grounds to assert that stable units representing the concept of "God" serve to express any feeling, state, attitude, and, therefore, the verb "feel" is the core of this concept, since its content is beyond consciousness, and feelings, to a certain extent, precede consciousness, referring to the most ancient, unconscious, manifestations of life.

Thus, the scientific novelty of the study is determined by a new perspective in the manifestation of the core of the concept "God" and the analysis of semantic microfields.

The theoretical significance of the article lies in the description of the semantic microfields of the concept "God", taking into account the specifics of the studied linguistic cultures.

The practical significance of the article is determined by the possibility of applying the results presented in it in theoretical and practical courses in Russian and Turkish phraseology, in comparative linguistics, as well as in the preparation of special courses in linguoculturology and cognitive linguistics.

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