

- 1- One's self which is free from any contamination with matter and unlike (جان) is eternal.
- 2- The source of all feelings such as happiness and sadness.
- 3- The truth of human beings.
- 4- Place where God reveals himself to human being.



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## CONCEPT OF SOUL IN PERSIAN LITERATURE

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In this article I have tried to give the exact meaning of two very important words in Persian literature:

( جان ) and ( روان ). I have reached to the following conclusions:

In Persian dictionaries ( جان ) is taken to mean:

a. As substantive:

1- Human soul.

2- Human's self

b. As adjective:

Dear, Beloved.

For ( روان ) the following meanings are given in Persian dictionaries:

1- (Human) soul.

2- Human or animal soul.

In some Books, as in Sádi's "Rose Garden" ( گلستان ), ( جان ) and

( روان ) are used as synonymous words. In sufi, Moral and

Philosophical literature ( جان ) and ( روان ) are taken to mean:

a. ( جان ):

1- An abstract essence which is preceptive by nature and which has sway over the body.

2- ( جانِ جان ) (by Idafat) is used as the eternal soul whose place is in the heart of Perfect men i.e. a sufi.

3- All activities which come out of a living being.

B. ( روان ):