

## MEVLÂNÂ CELÂLEDDİN RÛMÎ\*



*\*Great sage, great poet Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi was born on September 30, 1207, in the city of Balkh in Afghanistan, and he passed away on December 17, 1273, in Konya, Türkiye. Apart from his masterpiece "Masnavi" consisting of 25,618 couplets, he presented "Divan-i Kebir" containing nearly 25,000 couplets to humanity. Mevlana, who influenced the intellectual world of his time and also subsequent Turkish, Persian, Arab poets, and thinkers, was cherished in both the East and the West. The Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye declared 2023 as the International Year of Mevlana to commemorate the 750th anniversary of his passing. Mevlana's famous 7 pieces of advice exemplify his wisdom rooted in Asian civilization: Be as generous and helpful as a flowing river. Shine with compassion and mercy like the sun. Be as covering of others' faults as the night. Be as lifeless as the dead in anger and irritability. Be as humble as the earth in modesty and humility. Be as tolerant as the sea in tolerance. Either appear as you are or be as you appear.*

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3675 Every day, too, at every moment a different thought comes, like an honoured guest, into thy bosom.

3676 O (dear) soul, regard thought as a person, since every person derives his worth from thought and spirit.

3677 If the thought of sorrow is waylaying joy, (don't worry) it is making preparations for joy.

3678 It violently sweeps thy house clear of (all) else, in order that new joy from the source of good may enter in.

3679 It scatters the yellow leaves from the bough of the heart, in order that incessant green leaves may grow.

3680 It uproots the old joy, in order that new delight may march in from the Beyond.

3681 Sorrow pulls up the crooked rotten (root), in order that it may disclose the root that is veiled from sight.

3682 Whatsoever (things) sorrow may cause to be shed from the heart or may take away (from it), assuredly it

will bring better in exchange,

3683 Especially for him who knows with certainty that sorrow is the servant of the possessors of certainty.

3684 Unless the clouds and the lightning show a frowning aspect, the vines will be burnt by the smiles of the sun.

3685 Good and ill fortune become guests in thy heart: like the star (planet), they go from house to house.