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CHAPTER TEN

INTERIOR COURTYARD, GARDEN DESIGN AND MAN PSYCHOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

"In the promised garden are vineyards and the faithful will be accompanied by the *huriyat*, the buxom black-eyed virgins of paradise "with swelling breasts," and lovely boys, the *ghilman*, will attend every need." In the Islamic conception of paradise we find the origin of the quartered garden divided by means of four water-channels, all contained within a private walled enclosure.⁵³

Psychology is the study of mind and behavior. Its immediate goal is to understand individuals and groups by both establishing general principles and researching specific cases. For many, the ultimate goal of psychology is to benefit society.⁵⁴ It is a well known fact in psychology that the eyes can only see one point any given time however small it may be.

How with this rage;

Can beauty hold a plea?

Whose action is no stronger than flower?⁵⁵

The poetry as above was part of an Egyptian song which mentioned that the flower has great power. An appreciation of beauty is all that differentiates a man from animal. A flower may be weak in the hands of child because we can tear it into pieces. But it is a major force to his cultured father who appreciates beauty and can only bow down and thank God for creating it.

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⁵³ Surah An-Naba' 30, 31, 32 and 34, Tafsir Al Quran Karim, Singapore, Tawakal Trading.

⁵⁴ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychology>

⁵⁵ Clifford, J. 1962. A History of Garden Design. London Faber and Faber.