



PROVERBS WHICH CONTAIN SOMATIC UNIONS

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ABSTRACT: *The use of somatic unions, sometimes referred to as body idioms or metaphors, in proverbs is examined in this article. I am hoping you will learn more about this field.*

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INTRODUCTION

The human body is frequently used as a source of metaphorical expression in proverbs, those witty sayings that capture cultural knowledge and experience. This linguistic phenomenon, referred to as "somatic unions," or body idioms, expresses abstract concepts and feelings through tangible bodily imagery. These expressions, which range from "having a heavy heart" to "feeling butterflies in your stomach," use our visceral understanding of the body to convey complicated emotions. The frequency and importance of somatic unions in proverbs from various cultures are examined in this article, along with their historical context, metaphorical meanings, and cultural significance.



The human body is a rich source of metaphorical language because of its complex system of senses and bodily sensations. This embodied understanding is used by proverbs to convey abstract ideas like:

1. Emotions: The proverbs "A broken heart," "feeling blue," and "to be sick with worry" all refer to emotional turmoil and pain through physical states.
2. Relationships: Phrases like "to hold someone close," "to have a shoulder to cry on," and "to be in someone's good graces" capture the intimacy and physical proximity that characterise healthy relationships.
3. Social Status: Proverbs like "to stand tall," "to bow down," and "to have a stiff upper lip" use physical postures to represent emotional control and social hierarchy.

Even while proverbs with somatic unions differ from culture to culture, some themes and body parts recur. For instance, the heart frequently represents emotions, bravery, and love.

1. The Heart: Proverbs like "A heart of gold," "to have a change of heart," and "to follow your heart" highlight the importance of the heart in human emotions and judgement.
2. The Stomach: The expressions "to feel sick to your stomach," "to have butterflies in your stomach," and "to have a gut feeling" all allude to the instincts and visceral responses associated with our digestive system.
3. The Eyes: The expressions "to see eye-to-eye," "to be blindsided," and "to have a clear vision" all refer to comprehending, perceiving, and having insight.
4. The Hands: "To impart"



Somatic unions are beautiful because they can draw on common human experiences and transcend literal meaning. These sayings invoke more profound metaphorical interpretations than merely straightforward descriptions of the body:

1. Emotional resonance: By drawing on physical experiences, abstract ideas can be viscerally understood.
2. Cultural insights: Proverbs that have somatic couplings reveal a culture's common values and beliefs.

A universal language for comprehending feelings and experiences is provided by the body, which serves as a common platform for all people.

CONCLUSION

A wonderful view into the human condition is provided by proverbs that incorporate somatic couplings. Instead of being merely linguistic oddities, they are effective means of expressing knowledge, feelings, and cultural understanding. By examining these sayings, we can learn more about how language affects our perceptions and how the body is a continual source of metaphorical inspiration. In a world where concepts and experiences are always evolving, proverbs with somatic unions serve as a reminder of the timeless value of embodied wisdom and the interdependence of language, culture, and human experience.

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