



## Applying Enneagram Typology in the Study of Abdolhossein Teymourtash's Personality

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### Abstract

#### 1. Introduction

Abdolhossein Teymourtash was one of the prominent statesmen of the first Pahlavi period who played an important role in the political, social and economic developments of that period. He made many efforts in the came to power of the Pahlavi government and played a prominent role in the new reforms in structure government of Reza Shah. Timurtash's act and personality are not well known. Timurtash's different and contradictory behaviors and the lack of a Personality theory for analyzing his personality are important components in the difficulty of understanding Timurtash's personality. Some personality His characteristics that was sometimes contradictory, such as power seeking, being powerful, despotism, cooperation, leadership power, obedient tendencies and pacifism and fun have made it difficult to recognize him. Timurtash had a leadership and commanding personality and many of his actions were aimed at gaining power and leadership. Timurtash's leadership actions before 1302 AH have been reflected in many books. This character trait of Timurtash became more evident in the events that led to Reza Shah's rise to power and his leadership over the Ministry of the Court. Also, Timurtash was a pragmatic and very efficient person, and his personality traits as a constructive leader to advance the new government policies caused Reza Shah to assign him the Ministry of the Court with the function of leading and supervising all the new government structures. Timurtash was a strong and decisive person, and his approach was very clear when dealing with foreign countries.

#### 2. Methodology

The current research is an interdisciplinary article between history and psychology. The information was collected from library. Enneagram personality is used in the theory of the article. The authors believed that based on the Enneagram personality, some characteristics in Timurtash's behavior and performance can be explained, and for this reason, the Enneagram personality was used in this article to study of Timurtash's personality. In Enneagram, people are placed in nine personality types, each of which has its own personality traits, motivations, values, and fears. Timurtash's main

characteristics make him be placed into the eighth type of Enneagram. The contradictions of his personality and behavior can be explained through the wings and the calm and tense types of the eighth type.

### 3. Discussion

Timurtash was a leader, strong, decisive and efficient person. Also, Timurtash was a controlling person and he controlled and supervised all the affairs of the country, and even the Reza Shah's meetings with different people were done with his permission, and he was in charge of the minor issues of all the ministries. One of the consequences of the Eight type orientation is the adoption of tyranny, dominance and competitiveness, which Timurtash also had. This approach on his part increased after reaching the Ministry of the Court. He used to impose his will on many ministers and some government employees complained about his tyranny. Another characteristic of people of Enneagram eight type, which was evident in Timurtash, was that they are very competitive and even enjoy it. Part of the pleasure of the Eighth type is related to the struggle for mastery and control over the situation, and the quarrel itself is pleasant for them. Timurtash was a fighting and competitive person. His control and mastery over all affairs caused some government officials to oppose him. People who are in the eighth personality type have two types of relaxation and tension, which are the second and fifth types. People of eighth personality type show the characteristics of second type when they are calm and become supporters and helpers, and in times of tension and anxiety they take on the characteristics of people of fifth type. One of the most important characteristics of Timurtash's personality was his role as a supporter and helper for Reza Shah, on the other hand, he devoted himself to reforms in the government structure and the progress of the country, but the tension was moving towards the conflicts and negative characteristics of the fifth brigade. Although cruelty and hot-temper were not one of Timurtash's usual personality traits, at times he acted against opponents with the most extreme measures and cruelty. In Enneagram personality, each type has two wings or secondary characteristics, and some behaviors of one type may be similar to the characteristics of these types. The eighth brigade has two wings, which are the seventh brigade (fun and hedonistic) and the ninth brigade (peace-seeking and moderate). One of the most important characteristics of Timurtash was his indulgence in fun and actions outside of society's customs, and he did not shy away from public actions in this regard. At times, Timurtash was a fun-loving person and spent a lot of time drinking and making love with women. Timurtash was sometimes very warm-hearted and sociable like nine Type people and showed his happiness in gatherings. Also, contrary to the fact that he was a person of competition and struggle, he sometimes assumed the characteristics of wing nine and showed moderateness and to a certain extent not bothering political opponents.

### 4. Conclusion

Timurtash was a person in the healthy layer of the eight types of the Enneagram. He was a person who showed the characteristics of constructive leadership and important reforms in the political, social and economic structure of Iran were carried out by him. Also, seeking power, pragmatism, control, tyranny, and being competitive are other



important characteristics of the eight Enneagram type, which were important characteristics of Timurtash. There were also some behavioral conflicts in Timurtash, among which we can point out bullying, cruelty and lust, which can be explained through conflicts and types of relaxation and tension and wings of eight type.

**Keywords:** Abdolhossein Teymourtashs, Enneagram, eighth type, Boss.



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