

## **Abstract**

### Graduation Level of Proficiency Paper

Title: Actional research of biomorphic metaphors with the names of the living nature in proverbs and literary texts.

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Topical Importance: This diploma paper is devoted to the study of biomorphic metaphors with the names of the living nature in proverbs, sayings and literary works by contemporary English and American writers. This topic is rather interesting and actual, because various allusions to living nature in the field of vocabulary are very popular and deserve studying. Detailed study of actional grading in this sphere was made on the material of contemporary writers of the XX – XXI centuries – Dean Koonz and W. Raine.

Goals: The main goal of the diploma paper is to study the use of biomorphic metaphors in the proverbs and texts when used to depict the positive and negative features of the human nature.

Tasks: basing on the study of the proverbs and sayings of the English language to analyze the biomorphic metaphors in order to find out the ways of actional grading of positive and negative features of the human nature.

Theoretical value and practical applicability: We offer a methodology of complex systematic description of the biomorphic metaphors with the names of the living nature from the point of view of their usage in the proverbs and sayings of the English language and literary works. The results of the diploma paper can be applied in different spheres of language study – vocabulary, semantics, oral practice.

Results: We can distinguish between several types of actional grading of biomorphic metaphors, revealing positive human characteristics (industriousness, courage, experience, wisdom, devotedness) and negative ones (laziness, cunning, fear, talkativeness and so on). Thus, we differentiate between etic, emotional, intellectual, psychological, rational, theological grading of the names of the living nature in proverbs and texts.

Implementation advice: the theoretical material of the diploma thesis can be applied while studying or teaching different courses of linguistics, literature, poetics of such writers of D. Koonz and W. Raine, in special courses on discourse study and the study of English semantics.