

## INFLUENCE OF ROMANTICISM IN KEKI. N. DARUWALLA AND WALT WHITMAN POEMS

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Walt Whitman and Keki.N.Daruwalla wrote about harsh reality of life.They wrote about what they observed. They shared their experiences. They were against any kind if tyranny or violence. They wanted peace. They wanted universal brotherhood, comradeship and fraternity. They were minute observer of nature. They wanted to make people aware about the social evils existing in society. They wanted a democratic world. They wanted a world without any boundaries where there should be no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion.They wanted to eradicate social evils from society. They dreamt of a world full of love and compassion.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Universal Brotherhood, Comradeship, Fraternity*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Walt Whitman and Keki.N.Daruwalla both were influenced by romanticism. They wrote about the harsh reality of life.They have written about the true reality of life.They wrote about nature,animals and struggles of human beings. They have written about hatred,jealousy which leads to violence and war.They are against any kind of human injustice. They want peace. They want that there should be love, peace and non-violence. There should be no exploitation and corruption etc.

#### **Death**

Keki.N.Daruwalla talks about death in his poems how people are killed due to violence,curfew,violence and diseases and while struggling for life like for job during migration.Keki.N.Daruwalla speaks about death as people kill each other due to hatred and jealousy etc.There are differences on the basis of caste, creed or religion.

#### **Violence**

The poet talks about violence due to as there is hatred,jealousy is the major cause of violence amongst human beings. As there is difference on the basis of caste,creed or religion this is also the major cause of difference.The poet speaks about how the people are taken to the hospital after they kill each other during the time of violence.People they throw bottles on each other.They burn the buses.They burn even the shops,homes etc.During the time of curfew people have to stay inside their

home.Mother can't move out to buy milk for them.Patients die inside homes as they can't get medicines.Those who are dead their dead bodies remain inside home only but for how long.The mob doesn't listen to the police till their demands are fulfilled for that even the policemen are ordered to shoot at mob.Thus many people are killed.

### **Draught**

Many people are killed due to draught. As there are no crops on the field. There was no rain. Therefore the farmers didn't have any profits.They had to face loss and therefore they died. Children are not worried about it at all.They are not bothered.People they suffer due to draught.They die due to hunger and diseases.There is no money and no food for them to eat.It's dry everywhere.

### **Flood**

Due to flood also many people die.The worst victims are animals and women.Children and women are taken to the shelter homes.Everything is destroyed due to flooding crops and homes etc.Farmers face loss but the children they play in the flood.They don't know the consequences of flood. Farmers are in loss because everything has been destroyed.There is no income. Whole year's hard work has been destroyed. Government only looks like a mere spectator.They throw the food packets from the helicopter some are able to get it but some are not.Human beings and animals are washed away.It's a pathetic plight.

### **Animals**

Many animals are killed by human beings. Animals kill each other because they are dependent upon each other. But why do human beings kill each other for no reason. Human beings wants to show themselves superior to other animals that's why they kill other animals. Human beings are cruel by nature and they feel happy giving pain to other animals. They enjoy when others are in pain.

### **Birds**

Birds learn how to kill its prey(small birds) they hit its prey so many a times till it's dead and then they have it. They kill each other because they are dependent upon each other and god has made them like that but why are human beings so cruel that they kill each other.Human beings they kill the bird they take out their eyes just for fun and enjoyment.

**Diseases**

People have blind faith on Maulvi and on black magic even in this era of scientific and technological development. It's a pathetic plight to see that. People believe in miracles.

When the lady falls sick and she faints all are scared and they ask her husband to take her to the maulvi in the mazaar instead of the doctor. People die due to various disease but doctor give different names to dangerous diseases. Like for example to cholera also doctor take the disease easily. They say it's just diarrhoea. Many people are admitted in the hospital. Doctors see them with cold eyes. People they lie on the floor due to diseases. The floor of the hospital also becomes dirty. Nurses are also cold they don't want to look after the patients. They are not sincere towards their duty. Many people die on the way while taking them to the hospital. Sometimes one has to pay for their cremation as there is no place for getting then cremated as many people are dying already and the ghats are full of dead bodies.

**Walt Whitman**

Walt Whitman wrote about what he saw. He wrote about the harsh reality of life. He wrote about people struggled in life. He felt that human beings should not discriminate on the basis of race and colour and that can only help in the development of the country. He felt animals are better than human beings and therefore we should learn from them how to be compassionate and how to love.

**Work**

He believed that mechanic, labourers, farmers and workers all are one. He wants to make friends with them all. Walt Whitman felt that one should do good work and thus help in the development of the nation. All should get together and walk hands in hand. We should have some goals. There should be no discrimination on the basis of gender even. Both male and female should help in the development of the country. Both should work together. No work is inferior. Human beings should work to earn money so that no one dies of hunger.

**Civil War**

Walt talks about the civil war. He is talking about the discrimination on the basis of race which was taking place in America. White are dominating the black people. Black people are sold by the white people. They are exploited and not given their rights.

**Women**

Walt Whitman felt that women should be respected. They should not be exploited. They deserve love and respect and to live with dignity like any other human being. They can work like any other man because they have the same energy

like a man. Women should not be seen as only tool for enjoyment. They should be given equal rights. They should be given justice. Their voices should be heard. They should be given equal opportunity to education and for employment. They should be given equal status. They have the right to get be married and have children. They should get married and make love and have babies that are why god has created them. He feels that when they will have children then only they can become great sportsperson or minister. The development of the country depends upon them.

### **Animals**

Animals are more relaxed than human beings they are not struggling or are not in competition. They don't fight or complain. They love each other, they stay in groups and they care for each other. They have a sound sleep at night. They are compassionate towards each other. He feels that have they learnt it from him. He feels that we should learn from them. They are never jealous, they don't hate each other so why do we do the same are we are worst then animals.

### **Death**

Walt Whitman feels that there is life after death, a person dies he is born again as leaf. Soul never dies as it is eternal. Nothing goes out of this universe. Everything is part of nature. As human beings change clothes after death we change our bodies too. Only body perishes soul is always there. Walt Whitman answers to child that leaves on the graveyard are people born again after they die. Light grass we can say is of young person their beard would also seem the same and dark grass is old person as old person's beard would also be the same.

### **Human being Struggle**

Human beings they are struggling for life for job. He feels that one should do whatever job they can. No work is small. According to him mechanics, labourers and businessman all are one and the same. He feels that one should not wait to be a president to do great deeds and one can even do small deeds like cleaning the environment, keeping it safe etc. He felt that everyone should move out of their home they should have some aim. All should work like a comradeship. He feels that if everyone will work in unity then only there would be universal brotherhood and comradeship. He wanted that people from all over the world should come and help in help in the development of America. There should be exchange of knowledge. As there is so much to learn from India and Asia. There is so much to learn from America too regarding scientific and technological development. He felt that isolation is dangerous as human beings are social animals therefore they should come together and be friends with all and that can only help in building a great nation.

## CONCLUSIONS

Both the poets Walt Whitman and Keki.N. Daruwalla believed in romanticism. They were keen observer. They wrote whatever they saw. They wrote about the harsh reality of life.they wrote about what they experienced and what they saw in day to day life. They wrote about death, animals as well as human beings. We can thus say that romanticism had great influence in their life.

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