

Dmenisions of Human Behavior in The Novel “The Foreigner” by Arun Joshi

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Abstract

In the modern age of globalization and modernization, people have become selfish and selfcentered. Feeling of sympathy and kindness towards poor people have almost bolted from the hearts of those who have richly available resources. They leave needy people running behind their luxurious chauffer-driven cars. Poor and marginalized people keep shouting for help for their dear ones but upper class people trying to show as if they did not hear any long distant sound crept into their eardrums. This trauma, agony, pain and sufferings is explored in the novel, The Foreigner.

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Money and materialism dominate are key factor for which people are working hard to acquire in their lives. This greed has created chaos and restlessness all over the place. The protagonist of the novel, Sindi is a young man who is brought up in a world where love and affection has no place. This behavior has developed insecurity, anxiety, and uncertainty in his mind. This

restlessness and insecurity has made him to move from one place to another in the search of tranquility and peacefulness. Moreover, his own multiple ruined and destroyed relationships made him more emotionless and impasse.

The novel also depicts the life of a person who comes from a distraught family. Plus, his own fragmented and broken relationships make him a detached and indifferent person. He has a feeling that is he is not made for any long-term relationships like marriage or falling in love with a person. He feels that the destiny was rude towards him. His parents died in a plane crash when he needed them the most. He was deprived of love, bond, care and affection which he could have got if he had the family.

Sourabh Jain states in his research posted in IJOHMN that *“This novel tells the story of Sindi, the protagonist and the narrator as well, whose parents died in an air crash. When a person’s bringing up is difficult and without a family, he lives in the state of insecurity, loneliness and agony. The research is all based on human mind, behavior, greed and pain. In life people goes through many relationships, love, betrayal, and unfaithfulness. This is what explained and researched through the novel by the researcher. Likewise in Sindi’s life many women come and go. One of which he leaves her and one women left him which made Sindi depressed and agonized. One more woman wanted to marry Sindi but this time he refused her proposal.*

It is a fact that people who only have experienced rejection from the society and the dear ones scare to get into the relationship and commitments.

There is one more character named Babu in the novel whose early childhood life was also broken and cracked. He was taken care of in the supervision of his father only. The story does not mention anything about his mother. His upbringing from childhood was dependent only on father. His life also had missing care, love, and affection which a mother gives to her child and

because of that Babu could not express his feelings of love to anyone and it was buried down somewhere in his heart.

The research explores psychic and motives behind the relationships. It also explores the behavior of the people how they react to the given situations. Some people get depressed and angry when a person whom they love leaves, but they do not feel the same pain when they themselves leave their dear ones by whom they are loved. Same is the case with Sindi who leaves a woman with thinking much how much she is hurt. In another case when a woman leaves Sindi then he goes in depression. It's a common behavior of the people understand that when you do something wrong and painful to a person you do not realize how hurtful that action could be; however, when the same reaction comes your way, you feel dejected and miserable.

Conclusion:

The novel "The Foreigner" exposes the selfish acts of the human being. It also exposes the pain and agony when the same reaction comes from others. Behavior and reaction of the people changes when they face the rejection. The story reveals the fact that bad incidences in life make a deep impact in the mind of people who suffer. The protagonist, Sindi, does not get love and affection from the parents in his childhood and he becomes indifferent towards any relationship in his adulthood. He feels that he could not carry commitments. The story explores the selfishness in the human behavior. People have insensitivity to the pain of others. The real feeling of humans like feeling pain for others and sympathy towards others have become less and people have become self-centered, materialistic and insensitive.

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