

Feminist Sensibility In The Works Of Kamala Das And Sylvia Plath

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Abstract

This paper is an efforts to study some of Kamala Das poems dealing with the theme of feminine sensibility and yearning for the true love. The emphasis is largely on sexual love and female organs while feminine sensibility, in the real sense of the term, implies stress on emotional bond and an attitude which the women-poets alone can achieve. As well as Sylvia Plath's deep feelings about death, nature, identity, and feminine sensibility. Sylvia Plath described through her writing that male has been dominating for the ancient time, and women are known as the subordinate of man, also in modern time, because they worked as the assistants. She noted that within the patriarchal society women's role have been set already to play; they have to live in a limited circles of life. She portrayed women as if they feel suffocated within domestic prison.

Introduction

The word 'Feminism' seems to refer to an intense awareness of identity as a woman and interest in feminine problems. The subjugation of woman is a central fact of history and it is the main cause of all psychological disorders in society. According Janet Richards,

"The essence of feminism has a strong fundamental case intended to mean only that there are excellent reason for thinking that women suffer systematic social injustice because of their sex, the proposition is to be regarded as constituting feminism".

Recent form of feminism that came to existence after 1960's has become an evolving socio-political movement. It is a theoretical project, which aims at understanding the power structures in the society, male domination, social practices and social institutions, which are instrumental in assigning a marginalized position to women. Feminism is a movement which tries to define and establish social, legal and cultural freedom and equality of women. Gender equality is at the core of feminist movement: it advocates woman's rights on the ground of equality of sexes in all spheres of life. Feminism as a literary movement, aims to revolt against the patriarchal society which associates masculine with superiority, strengths, action, self-assertion and domination; and feminine with inferiority, weakness, passivity, obedience and self-negation.

Feminist sensibility in the works of Kamala Das

Kamala Das is one of the most significant authors in Indo-Anglican literature of the post-independence age. She was conferred with Kerala Sahitya Award for the literary contribution. Kamala Das is commonly known as MadhaviKutty in Kerala. Kamala Das is one of the most reputed Indian English poets of Twentieth century. Kamala Das is the most audacious poets

