

ASSOCIATED PEOPLE / THINGS ALWAYS GET AFFECTED BADLY DUE TO OTHER'S INHUMANITY

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Abstract

The concept 'associated people / things' has been clarified. The meaning of the word 'inhumanity' has been mentioned. Hypothesis, objectives and the sources of data collection have been given. The select theme of 'associated people / things always get affected badly due to other's inhumanity' has been justified with reference to the select plays of *The Jew of Malta* and *Macbeth*, written by Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare respectively. It has been concluded with the view that the associated people / things always get affected badly due to other's inhumanity.

Keywords

Affected, Associated, Badly, Country, Inhumanity, Murder, People, etc.

1. Introduction

The concept 'associated people / things' has been referred in the present research paper as the people / things who / which are associated with others and to clarify the title of the present research paper more clearly, it is stated that the people / things get affected badly only because they are in association with others and these others are anticipated here as of having inhumanity. The word inhumanity means:

“Very cruel behaviour” (Dhongde 2016: 738)

The select theme of 'associated people / things always get affected badly due to other's inhumanity' has been justified with reference to the select plays of *The Jew of Malta* (1590) and *Macbeth* (1606), written by Christopher Marlowe (British Dramatist, 1564-1593) and William Shakespeare (British Dramatist, 1564-1616) respectively.

2. Hypothesis

Associated people / things always get affected badly due to other's inhumanity.

3. Objectives

- 3.1 To clarify the concept 'associated people / things'.
- 3.2 To define the word 'inhumanity'.
- 3.3 To provide the hypothesis and the sources of data collection.
- 3.4 To justify the select theme with reference to the select plays.
- 3.5 To draw the conclusion based on the findings.

4. Sources of Data Collection

To test the hypothesis and fulfill the objectives of the present research, the referred sources for data collection, are libraries, books, dictionaries, research journals, internet, etc.

5. Christopher Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta*: Findings

The Religion (Jew), Country, Rulers, Jewish People, Ferneze, Katherine, Lodowick, Mathias, Abigail, Nuns, Barnardine, Giacomo, Ithamore, Bellamira, Pilia Borza and Calymath get affected badly due to Barabas' inhumanity; Barabas gets affected badly due to Ferneze, Ithamore, Bellamira and Pilia Borza's inhumanity; Ithamore gets affected badly due to the Bellamira and Pilia Borza's Inhumanity; and the Country gets affected badly due to Ferneze's inhumanity. Here, the people / things get affected badly due to other's inhumanity and it happens only because these people / things are directly / indirectly associated with him / her. The detailed study of the same is presented as follows:

5.1 Religion (Jew) Gets Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

Barabas is the central character of the play and represents inhumanity. He is a Jew and thereby the religion Jew is associated with him. One should praise one's religion but not abuse other's religion. He speaks:

“Who hateth me but for my happiness?
Or who is honour'd now but for his wealth?
Rather had I, a Jew, be hated thus,
Than pitied in a Christian poverty;
For I can see no fruits in all their faith,
But malice, falsehood, and excessive pride.”

(<http://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/The-Jew-of-Malta.pdf>: 01.06.2020, 13)

These words make it clear that he disregards Christianity. Due to his inhumanity, Christian-Jew conflict comes in focus. His inhuman thoughts bring his own religion in danger and his religion gets affected only because it is associated with such person like him.

5.2 Country and Rulers Get Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

Calymath is a Turkish leader and Ferneze is the governor of Malta. Calymath asks tribute from Ferneze; gives a period of month; takes promise and leaves. If Ferneze does not pay, there will be a spread of war and bloodshed in the country. Ferneze says the same thing to Jews including Barabas but Barabas replies that he cannot pay and also cannot help rulers any way in the fight. He disregards the leadership of rulers. He doesn't mind, if Turkish army invade the country. He lives in the same country but denies openly the responsibility to protect the country from outside attack. The country and rulers get affected badly due to this Barabas' inhumanity which brings further misfortunes and miseries.

5.3 Jewish People Get Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

Barabas pretends to be with Jewish people in Malta but in reality, he does not care for them. He cares for him and his wealth only. He protects his interests only. He does not protect the interest of Jewish people, though he assures them for the same. When Ferneze seizes Barabas' entire property, the Jewish people suggest Barabas to remain patient but he insults them as they do not support and stand against Ferneze. Though he himself is Jew, he insults other Jews. This inhumanity affects badly the associated Jewish people in Malta.

5.4 Ferneze, Katherine, Lodowick and Mathias Get Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

As Ferneze seizes the entire property of Barabas, he decides to take revenge on him. He knows, Abigail loves Mathias and not Lodowick. He misleads both Lodowick and Mathias. He destroys the hopes of lovers. He writes forged letters to both the lovers challenging each other. He succeeds to create hate in their mind. He forces them to fight against each other. As a result of it, they fight with each other and meet a tragic death. There is no mistake of them to love Abigail but Barabas' crooked mentality causes them to lose their life. On this, Abigail, losing her love, and Ferneze and Katherine, losing their sons, become sad but Barabas only becomes happy. This is the inhumanity of Barabas and the associated people like Ferneze, Katherine, Lodowick and Mathias become the victim of it.

5.5 Abigail Gets Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

Abigail is the daughter of Barabas and by this relation, she is associated with him. He forces her to go in nunnery and bring out his wealth. He puts her in difficulty. After getting wealth, he shouts:

“O girl! O gold! O beauty! O my bliss!”

(<http://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/The-Jew-of-Malta.pdf>: 01.06.2020, 35)

He sings like a 'Morning Lark' on getting his wealth. This shows, he loves wealth more than his daughter. He destroys her love and as she realizes her father's hand in the death of

Lodowick and Mathias, she suffers and blames her father. She becomes nun. On this act, Barabas condemns and calls her:

“False, credulous, inconstant Abigail!”

(<http://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/The-Jew-of-Malta.pdf>: 01.06.2020, 62)

And with Ithamore's help, he kills Abigail by poisoning her. He congratulates himself to become successful in the plan to poison Abigail. He is not affected any way by the death of his own daughter. His inhumanity affects Abigail badly.

5.6 Nuns Get Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

When Abigail asks her father to repent for his crime to kill her love and when she decides to become a nun, he kills her by poisoning. He kills not only her but also nuns. Nuns get affected badly only because they are in association with Abigail and Abigail is in association with Barabas.

5.7 Barnardine and Jacomo Get Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

While dying, Abigail tells her father's crime to friar Bernadine. Barnardine tells the same to friar Jacomo. As Barabas comes to know this fact, he decides to kill both the friars. As a part of plan, he declares to donate his wealth to the religious sects, he prefers to enter in. He promises both the friars to join their monastery. The greed, to possess Barabas' wealth, separates both the friars and they start criticizing each other. With the help of his slave Ithamore, he kills Barnardine. Further, he accuses Jacomo for Barnardine's murder and hand the friar over to officials. Here, Barabas' inhumanity affects both the friars.

5.8 Ithamore, Bellamira and Pilia Borza Get Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

The slave Ithamore unites with the courtesan Bellamira and her pimp Pilia Borza and betrays his owner Barabas. Barabas convinces Pilia Borza to bring Ithamore. As the plan fails, he convinces him for dinner. He plans to poison him but does not succeed in it. Feared by the disclosure of crimes, he plans to kill Ithamore, Pilia Borza and Bellamira. He disguises as French lute player and kills three of them. His inhumanity affects them.

5.9 Calymath Gets Affected Badly Due to Barabas' Inhumanity

Ferneze fails to pay the tribute to Turkish ambassador which invites battle. Barabas helps Calymath on getting promise to become the governor of Malta. Calymath wins Malta. He makes Barabas the governor. But Barabas unites with Ferneze and tries to deceive Calymath by inviting him for deadly feast and falling him in a deep pit. Barabas plans well to kill Calymath but Ferneze's disloyalty spoils the plan. Not Calymath but Barabas himself falls in the cauldron and

dies. While dying, he curses:

“Damn'd Christian, dogs, and Turkish infidels!”

(<http://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/The-Jew-of-Malta.pdf>: 01.06.2020, 07)

Nobody helps him. Barabas' plan, to kill Turkish troops by poisoning, succeeds. Ferneze tells the same to Calymath and throws him in prison. Calymath comes in association with Barabas and this only affects him badly.

5.10 Barabas Gets Affected Badly Due to Ferneze's Inhumanity

Ferneze issues an order saying that:

“FIRST, THE TRIBUTE - MONEY OF THE TURKS SHALL ALL BE LEVIED AMONGST THE JEWS, AND EACH OF THEM TO PAY ONE HALF OF HIS ESTATE. SECONDLY, HE THAT DENIES TO PAY, SHALL STRAIGHT - BECOME A CHRISTIAN. LASTLY, HE THAT DENIES THIS, SHALL ABSOLUTELY LOSE ALL HE HAS”

(<http://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/The-Jew-of-Malta.pdf>: 01.06.2020, 20-21)

This shows the inhumanity of Ferneze. He confiscates the entire estate of Barabas. He makes his mansion a convent. He teases him. Barabas gets affected by it. He becomes unhappy. At the end, he dies due to Ferneze's disloyalty. All this shows Ferneze's inhumanity which affects Barabas.

5.11 Barabas Gets Affected Badly Due to Ithamore's Inhumanity

Barabas purchases a slave, Ithamore. The slave is inhuman like Barabas. Both represent the same inhumanity which becomes clear in the following lines, spoken by Barabas:

“As of thy fellow; we are villains both;

Both circumcised; we hate Christians both.”

(<http://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/The-Jew-of-Malta.pdf>: 01.06.2020, 45)

But later, Ithamore betrays Barabas. He tells Abigail the crime of Barabas in forcing Lodowick and Mathias to kill each other. Bellamira and Pilia Borza are bad people. Pilia Borza steals the gold of Barabas but Ithamore does not mind about it. Ithamore falls in love with Bellamira. To win her heart, he assures to give hundreds of Barabas' crowns. He writes letters to Barabas asking crowns. He threatens him that if he does not give crowns, he will open crimes. He tells Barabas' crimes to Bellamira and Pilia Borza. He proves to be faithless. Does this inhumanity of slave not affect the owner? Absolutely yes.

5.12 Barabas Gets Affected Badly Due to Bellamira and Pilia Borza's Inhumanity

Bellamira and Pilia Borza intend to take the possession of Barabas' money. They use Ithamore as a source to get it. They tell the crimes of Barabas to Ferneze which bring further misfortunes in the life of Barabas. He gets affected badly due to their inhumanity.

5.13 Ithamore Gets Affected Badly Due to Bellamira and Pilia Borza's Inhumanity

Bellamira and Pilia Borza want Barabas' money. They use Ithamore for it. They welcome him respectfully. Bellamira pretends to love him. She promises him for marriage. She forces him to bribe Barabas. Behind Ithamore, Bellamira and Pilia Borza speak very insulting about Ithamore. Here, Bellamira does not seem to be faithful to Ithamore. She is inhuman. Therefore, he gets affected badly.

5.14 Country Gets Affected Badly Due to Ferneze's Inhumanity

Man, always, thinks about self-interest and profit. In front of this, nothing seems to be important but such inhumanity affects country. The same happens in the play. There is an alliance between Malta and Turks for not to sell Turkish slaves in Malta. But the Spanish naval officer forces Ferneze to break the alliance. And as Ferneze prefers self-interest and profit, he breaks it. Will this not affect country? Of course, yes.

6. William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*: Findings

The Country, King Duncan, Innocent Guards, Banquo, Lady Macduff, Lady Macduff's Child and Lady Macbeth get affected badly due to Macbeth's inhumanity; and Macbeth gets affected badly due to four witches, Malcolm, Donalbain, Fleance, Macduff and Hidden Forces' inhumanity. Here, the people / things get affected badly due to other's inhumanity and it happens only because these people / things are directly / indirectly associated with him / her. The detailed study of the same is presented as follows:

6.1 Country Gets Affected Badly Due to Macbeth's Inhumanity

Macbeth is a noble man having great status. He belongs to the royal family. He brings many victories to the Scotland. He has been awarded the 'Thane of Cawder'. To fulfill his vaulting ambition to become the king, he falls from grace. He becomes villain and brings ruins to the nation. He bullies people. His inhumanity affects the country badly.

6.2 King Duncan Gets Affected Badly Due to Macbeth's Inhumanity

King Duncan believes Macbeth and offers him the 'Thane of Glemis' and 'Thane of Cawder'. He speaks about him:

"My worthy Cawdor!"

(<https://www.globalgreybooks.com/macbeth-ebook.html>: 05.06.2020, 21)

He comes to pass one night in Macbeth's castle but falls the victim Macbeth's inhumanity and gets murdered.

6.3 Innocent Guards, Banquo, Lady Macduff and Her Child Get Affected Badly Due to Macbeth's Inhumanity

To keep safe from the blame of the murder of King Duncan, he kills innocent guards. After the murder of the King Duncan, he becomes king but he is not happy with it. He wants to preserve the throne for his future generations and also to keep himself safe, he murders Banquo. He slaughters the wife and son of Macduff. They all get affected badly due to Macbeth's inhumanity.

6.4 Lady Macbeth Gets Affected Badly Due to Macbeth's Inhumanity

Lady Macbeth is more ambitious woman. She is faithful to her husband. She wants to see her husband's success and greatness. She wants to see her husband the king of Scotland. She helps him in all his evil acts. He also believes her and takes her in his confidence. She exposes her cruelty towards old king. She is not hurt by his murder. She puts the charge on innocent guards. She always supports Macbeth in his misdeeds and the following words make it clear:

“You do unbend your noble strength, to think
So brainsickly of things. Go get some water,
And wash this filthy witness from your hand.
Why did you bring these daggers from the place?
They must lie there: go carry them; and smear
The sleepy grooms with blood.”

(<https://www.globalgreybooks.com/macbeth-ebook.html>: 05.06.2020, 40)

Her support helps him to get the throne but later, he stops to take her in his confidence, which frustrates her and causes psychological torture. It troubles and makes her restless. She loses her confidence and acts like mad. She sees nightmares and walks in night. Her husband avoids her and this inhumanity affects her badly.

6.5 Macbeth Gets Affected Badly Due to Witches' Inhumanity

Witches' prophecy contributes to make Macbeth more ambitious. He is a noble man but witches motivate him to do the evil and he does it and affects not only to himself but also to others badly. Witches' inhumanity affects him badly.

6.6 Macbeth Gets Affected Badly Due to Malcolm, Donalbain, Fleance and Macduff's Inhumanity

Macbeth, to become the King of Scotland, kills King Duncan, Banquo, Macduff's wife and son, etc. This is the crime of Macbeth. Therefore, Duncan's sons Malcolm and Donalbain, Banquo's son Fleance and Macduff are united and formed a group of army. They take revenge and kill Macbeth. This way, Macbeth is affected badly by them.

6.7 Macbeth Gets Affected Badly Due to the Inhumanity of Hidden Forces

As Macbeth proceeds to kill King, he finds dagger hanging in the air. As he kills King in sleep, he hears the speech:

“Sleep no more! to the entire house:

Glamis hath murdered sleep, and therefore Cawdor

Shall sleep no more; Macbeth shall sleep no more.”

(<https://www.globalgreybooks.com/macbeth-ebook.html>: 05.06.2020, 40)

He is the only man to see the ghost of Banquo. He gets affected badly due to the inhumanity of such hidden forces.

7. Conclusion

It is found in both the plays that the associated people / things get affected badly due to other's inhumanity. The word 'other' means here inhuman characters in the select plays who are motivated by selfishness. They forget relations and humanity to achieve their desires. Therefore, to conclude, it is stated that the associated people / things always get affected badly due to other's inhumanity.

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