

IMPURITY AND MARRIAGES: A READER RESPONSE STUDY OF AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

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ABSTRACT

Every society's basic concerns revolve around marriage, which call for both mental and physical coordination to ensure a long-lasting chain of relationships. Responsible actions and a good outlook enable people to participate in society and make marriage effective in many ways. Couples' deliberate behavior and pervasive social phenomena are to blame for the disruption in marital matters. An American Marriage (2018) by Tayari Jones is the subject of the current study, which explores marital problems. Reader-Response Theory (RRT) by Rosenblatt (1978) and Fish (2000) is used for the textual analysis of the novel to determine the marital concerns highlighted in the narrative. RRT bases its interpretation of the texts on the reader's experiences, goals, attitude, and preexisting theologies. RRT expands the text's essential elements by manipulating new meanings that are not contained in the text. The study's main goals are to identify the social vices, behaviors, and ambitions of the characters that fall victim to problems and have an impact on the marriage features depicted in the book. The methodology used to manipulate the objectives is qualitative and descriptive in nature. The study's findings indicate that while male members of marriages frequently leave responsible and constructive behavior in favour of sexual lust and freedom of action, this leads to the breakdown of marriages. The findings also demonstrate that women have stronger intentions than men to preserve the marital union since women's gender demands "protection and loyalty," which are typically not met by male members, leading to the breakdown of the union.

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INTRODUCTION

A family is a social setting that provides each member with all of the care and support they need to continue their personal growth (Kaymak, 2004). The family, one of society's most important structures, contributes to people's overall protection and raises the standard of living for its members by offering a sufficient network of social, emotional, and financial support (Hanson et al., 1983). The structure and practices of the family institution vary from one nation and community to another. There are still many instances where family members "transfer functions" because they can't carry them out (AGDED, 2013). However, a number of structural modifications appear as a result of the swift changes that occur while creating new social conditions that have a significant impact on the family institution. The family is not a static thing. In recent decades, marriage's defining characteristics have changed; divorce rates have increased while marriage rates have fallen (Stevenson & Wolfers, 2007).

Reader-response theory is essentially a rebuttal to New Criticism proponents who think that a text's meaning can only be understood by a qualified literary critic with concise analytic skills. The proponents of this theory focus on the meaning that the reader and the text produce as a result of the reader's particular response to a text. As a result, the reader's interpretation is influenced by his or her insights and conclusions, which are informed by his or her prior knowledge and experiences. But reader-focused critics have drawn differences based on whether or not a book has an objective existence. While

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Norman Holland, David Bleich, and Stanley Fish contend that the meaning formed is purely the reader's own creation, critics Louise Rosenblatt, Wolfgang Iser, and Hans Robert Jauss emphasize that meaning is created through a transactional process between the text and the reader.

Jauss (1982) coined the concept "horizons of expectations" to describe the socio-cultural norms and presumptions that influence a reader's evaluation of any literary work in a certain historical context. According to Jauss, the literary work's literary piece is connected to a historical past; hence its interpretation and meaning are affected by the contemporary cultural context. Jauss emphasizes that the reader is responsible for assimilation and actualization of the text rather than the literary work existing on its own. Jauss' statement of the cultural context, which improves the reader's view, is one aspect worth highlighting. In other words, the reader's interpretation is shaped by his social background, and he must look for points of agreement with it to support it. According to Rosenblatt (1978), who is in agreement, a written work does not have the same meaning for every reader, and each person brings their own background knowledge, beliefs, values, cultural expectations, and reading environment to the act of reading (144).

In her depiction of the fall and problems of marital elements, Tayari Jones shows how people tend to get divorced and delegate fewer duties to their spouses. The social difficulties that disrupt the normal flow of daily life in the military will be further explored in this study. Under the theoretical framework of Reader-Response Theory (Transactional Approach) by Louise Rosenblatt (1978) and Fish (2000), the meanings and components of the social issues are extrapolated from the book (Social Approach).

Statement of the Problem

Marriage requires the intentions of responsibilities among the individuals. It lets humans towards the purity of relations and purity of life. Dealing woman as a sexual object and getting away from the responsibilities let the family destruction, in the society.

Research Objective

- To find out the elements of marital issues in *An American Marriage*.

Research Question

1. Why do American marriages come to failure as presented in *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones?

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

While Jones concentrates on the personal, Subin (2018) argues that this intimate depiction of a relationship cannot be divorced from its racial context. The political lens' scrutiny of the black body in America cannot be wholly avoided. Celestial describes black innocence as "having no method of forecasting the sorrow of the future?" in the piece, which Celestial describes as making a subtle, revolutionary statement on black innocence without being polemical. Some African Americans can now live in the middle class thanks to the advancements made by more recent generations of African Americans. Roy understands, nevertheless, that his kind parents, wise decisions, and mostly good fortune do not shield him from the suffering and caprice of the outside world. He turns into another unemployed, snaggletooth ex-con who society overlooks. However, Roy doesn't have to stay that way, as Jones reminds us. Nearly every prisoner in America today will someday join us on the outside, as "*An American Marriage*" serves as a reminder. Additionally, it warns us to reawaken our compassion and empathy. The story hints that this might be you.

According to Mudge (2018), *An American Marriage* readers will discover a daring, opulent Southern tale that lives up to the book's lofty title. I've always wanted to be a writer, Jones claims. And I've realized that this serene setting is where I belong. I've never subscribed to the school of thought that says writing is the most difficult job in the world. Look at what my grandparents were paid to do. Is it true that the hardest task in the world is one that I can complete while still in my pajamas? There will be no quiet moments in this title. And this isn't a story of tranquility. I have some trepidation about claiming this title. But I had to force myself to read this book.

According to Jenifer Baker (2018), it can be difficult to live up to genre expectations. If a narrative includes a detective, you automatically think it is a detective fiction. Therefore, if you read a detective novel and the mystery isn't solved at the end, you'll be disappointed because of your expectations for the genre. If you don't find out why, even though the book may be good and have an emotional finish, you may feel that the author didn't uphold "the reader's contract." And I understood

that I had established a contract when Roy was wrongfully imprisoned. I discovered it to be a love triangle when I was drafting a new contract. I therefore had to renegotiate both of those contracts in order to create this book.

According to Tew (2018), the story centers on Roy's imprisonment, which happens as a result of his being "the wrong race at the wrong moment." Heartbreak, sorrow, passion, and love all play significant roles in the story, and Jones takes the reader on an emotional rollercoaster. Through letters, both answered and unanswered, lengthy vehicle trips between their rural home and the city, and encounters at the visitor's center of the jail, Roy and Celestial's love has been described as beautiful, messy, terrible, and shattered. When Celestial decides not to keep the child she is carrying, she laments, "My body clearly was rich soil, but my life was not." Short lines have a way of expressing a lot of emotion. The strength of the story lies in Jones' ability to so effectively portray emotion, despite the fact that the book tackles many significant issues regarding racism in America.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Qualitative research seeks to gain a better knowledge of a topic by firsthand experience, honest reporting, and quotes from genuine conversations. Its goal is to figure out how people draw meaning from their surroundings and how that meaning drives their actions. Tayari Jones has depicted the decline and the issues of the marital aspects in which the tendency of the people had been observed in sense of divorce and the decline of the marital responsibilities. The present study is going to elaborate the social issues which disturb the natural flow of the marital life. The meanings and the elements of the social issues are extracted from the novel under the theoretical framework of Reader-Response Theory (Transactional Approach) by Louise Rosenblatt (1978) and Fish (2000)'s Theory of Reader-Response (Social Approach). The textual analysis is going to be made under the Fish's RRT which is under the spectrum of the meanings interpretation based on the Community Interpreter while on the other hand, the text is also going to be analyzed to Louise Rosenblatt's Reader-Response Theory in which it is elaborated that the text can be read and the meanings are the transaction between the reader and the text. The two types of meanings are told by Rosenblatt; 1) text has physical illustrations and there are physical meanings (Determinate Meaning), 2) and the text has the gaps in which many things and meanings are not clear so these are inter-related by the readers (Indeterminate Meaning). The present novel *An American Marriage* analyzed under these perspectives.

Data Analysis

Issues of Public Pressure and Running Norms

"Marriage is between two people. There is no studio audience (An American Marriage 2018)"

ANALYSIS

Reader's Response Theory (RRT) discusses the existing meaning of the text as well as the meanings depicted in the mind of the reader as well. According to Rosenblatt (1978), there are the differential and transactional meanings of the text which exist in the mind of the reader. In these perspectives, the textual meanings are called as determinate meaning and the depicted meanings in the mind of the reader are called as indeterminate meanings. The two types of the makings expand the meanings of the text in this regard. The text is describing the sensitivity of the marriage as the marriage is the important part and parcel of life in every society where it is also described that the marital aspects are of the mark and is the relationship between the two people rather than it is the relationship with the other people. The indeterminate meaning illustrates that the feelings of the Jones are told as the society is intercepted by the other people and the marital aspects do not become successful due the social involvement. The mind of the reader can depict that the marriages as shown in the novel is not given as prestige as is given in the eastern countries rather than the failure of the marriage has become the social phenomenon in which the public opinion and the public concern are given so prestige which regards as the social even in which the marital life is not given so importance.

In the view of Fish (2000), the makings of the text can be determined through the reader's community. As a member of the eastern society, it can be observed that there is huge influence of social evils in the marital aspects and the tendency of the people is not full of perfection. The reasons of the community could be there as the "marriage is considered as bondage" between the two of the people in the eastern society in which the influence of other people is highly restricted at any cost. There can be

different meanings as, being the researchers, it can be determined that there is a gap and there is a high influence of the people's opinion in the success or the failure of life at all.

"A woman doesn't always have a choice, not in a meaningful way. Sometimes there is a debt that must be paid, a comfort that she is obliged to provide, a safe passage that must be secured. Every one of us has laid down for a reason that was not love (An American Marriage 2018)."

Analysis

Roy and his ex-wife Celestine are depicted as the representative couple of the American society in which the marital aspects are not considered so serious yet the relationship is bondage of the social aspects and the social class as well as the values too. The depiction of the woman is also considered in the novel as the part of the society in which she has to perform the certain aspects as are of the male members too.

Marriage in the eastern society is known as the male dominance while all the responsibilities of the male member of the society are there and depending on the female gender is known to be part of marital life. RRT theory presents the meanings beyond the texts so the underlined in the text can be manipulated as the meanings are of a certain level. There can be two types of meanings as Rosenblatt (1978) has mentioned in his theory. Under the determined or the physical meanings, it can be observed that the ideas which comes in the mind of the reader are of the certain aspects in which the tendency of the society is shown as the survival of the woman is so typical as woman has to share the debts and the consumption of the life in all of the regards. There can be different aspects as the woman is in search of protection, as is depicted in the novel, as there are the crucial aspects of her life which lead her towards loneliness so the concept of love is totally abandoned in the society. Rosenblatt (1978) says that there are the indeterminate meanings which are of the reader's knowledge in which the core aspects of the society are discussed to manipulate the tendency of life. The transactional meanings can be observed in the lines as the different things of the social aspects which creates the new meanings in the mind of the reader. The indeterminate meanings are there in the mind of the reader showing that the people of the eastern society can have diverse aspects than of the European in which the social responsibilities are of the husband rather of the woman. The status of the woman is presented in this regard showing that the woman has not to love with the husband rather than she is in search of community as well.

Fish (2000) says that the meanings of the reader are of the interpretation level in which the society of interpreters devises the meanings of the text. Under this framework, the meanings can be illustrated in the eastern perspectives that the social aspects are loading the burden on the woman in American society which leads towards the failure of the marital life. There are certain aspects in this regard which illustrate that the woman status is not given such status as is given in the eastern society. The gaps in meaning, as Rosenblatt (1978) mentions, can also be sobered in this regard, showing that the society cannot be satisfied at all even if there is a burden on the woman as well.

Woman Marginalization and Amorous Intentions of male Member of society

"With my eyes on my wife, I would tell the waitress that I liked my coffee like I liked my women, "black and sweet." This always made me smile. Then Celestial would say, "I like my mimosa like I like my men: transparent (An American Marriage 2018)."

Analysis

Human relations are based on mutual understanding as well as mutual coordination in which aspects of social cognition and loyalty matter a lot. RRT discusses the two ways of the meanings in which the textual or the special meanings are there while on the other hand, the meanings are of the reader in which the reader reflects back to the text (Rosenblatt 1978). In the determinate meaning, it can be observed that Roy likes the woman as the taste and as the hot aspects in which the temporary love and the enjoyment is retrieved. The things are of high significance when these are denoted with the respects of the indeterminate meanings when the meanings are there which are occurring in the mind of the reader as well. The meanings occurring in the mind of the reader are of the vast concern in which the social cognition and the familial relation are presented. The choice of the woman is presented as the tastes which show that the American society is not willingly accepting the core elements of the love making and loyalty yet it was limited to the hot and sexual actions too. On the other hand, the choice of the marriage seems to be abandoned and the loyalty is not being fulfilled in this regard, showing that

the lives of the characters are at risk and their tendencies are not to be pure as well. Fish (2000) discusses the dominant aspects which is the latest development in the file of RRT. The theory discusses the meanings of the reader's community. The community, in which the reader is living, denotes that the woman is adopted for the purpose of life making as well as for the purpose of making the life more pleasurable. In this regard, the things are not carried to acceptable if the woman or the man is taken as the thing of choice and enjoyment rather than the loyalty is considered at the high rank so that the loyal elements lead towards no choice, other than the wife. The meanings and the cultural awareness through the texts is quite shown as the marital life is not given such prestige as would be given at the cost of the life as well.

“Human emotion is beyond comprehension, smooth and uninterrupted, like an orb made of blown glass (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

Marital life is based on the human emotions in which the aspects of manipulation and the coordination are there to feel the emotions and life. The character of Roy is and Celestial is depicted to show the American society and their martial aspects which are shown in the novel. The depiction of the human emotions in the lines is as of the round and vast showing that the human emotions are changed from time to time and place to place. RRT depicts that the meanings are not only those which are there in the text yet the meanings are there too in the mind of the readers. Rosenblatt (1978) discussed that the text and the reader are bounded in the stream of meanings through the element of transaction. This phenomenon is too enlarged to depict the elements of the concern showing that the meanings are too vast than the text and are there in the mind of the reader. The meanings in the mind of the reader are there that there is no bondage of the emotions in the American society and the human emotions are described as varying from place to place and time to time yet being the eastern reader, it can be observed that the social bondages are not there in the society of America in which the human emotions are not considered as to be limited to the life and wife rather these are presented on the emotions of the life as well. Fish (2000) mention the meanings on the basis of the integrator community as the reader in this analysis is of the eastern society so the meanings are there that the soul bondage are not of the emotions in the American society while the merry making aspects are not given such prestige as would be given. The emotions of the humans are triggered by the running phenomenon as the emotions are not given the prestigious status in the society because the spiritual aspects seem to be abandoned in the society as well.

“One of the hurdles of adulthood is when holidays become measuring sticks against which you always fall short. For children, Thanksgiving is about turkey and Christmas is about presents. Growing up, you learn that all holidays are about family and few can win there (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

Social norms and the social evils are the two elements which run in the parallel way to denote the aspects of tendency as well as the aspects of manipulation in many regards. The familial destruction is there in which the elements of the behavior and the mind construction are there showing the text is describing the physical meanings (as Rosenblatt 1978 calls these as determinate meanings) that the social norms are disturbed and the family members are not given such prestige and the time as would be given rather than the aspects are presented in the regard of the carelessness and no care for the children. In the view of Rosenblatt (1978), there are transactional meanings generated in the mind of the reader and the text in which the social construction is presented. The limitation of marital life is not true in this regard yet the things are presented in the sense of making the true aspects of tendency showing that human life is bondage and the time is required for the family as well.

RRT illustrates the abstract meanings as well as Fish (2000) illustrates that the meanings of the text are of the interpreter community. In this regard, the meanings are of the eastern concern in which it can be observed that the text creates the new aspects of the meanings in which the meanings are not bound to the writer's society as well. Under the mind of the reader of the eastern society, it can be observed that the prominent family members are seemed careless in celebrating the events of the life yet the adulthood aspects are there in the minds of the characters too which show that there is least significance given by the characters to the core aspects of the marital life as well.

Woman as Sexual Object and Deprive from Marital Responsibilities

"Sometimes I feel guilty as hell for just being able to live my life." I didn't have to tell him that I understood, because he knew that I did. There should be a word for this, the way it feels to steal something that's already yours (An American Marriage 2018)."

Analysis

Celeste feelings are interpreted in the lines, showing that she is at the state of turbulence in which she is depicted the craze of sexual relations of Roy. Roy in the novel *An American Marriage* (2019) is presented as the presenter of the American society who seems to be careless as well as seems to be unintended to the family in many of the regards.

RRT depicts the meanings, other than the texts so the physical meanings as Rosenblatt (1978) says, are there that the life of the woman is presented for the sexual relations rather than she is made satisfied through the loyalty and through the aspects of attentions paying. The feelings of the writer as being the part of the station, it can be observed that the social aspects are not in the true direction and the life of the woman is used as the sexual object rather than of the loyalty and responsibility. Under the indeterminate meanings as is the other aspect of RRT, according to Rosenblatt (1978), it can be observed that the things are not in control of the men and woman rather than the running social phenomenon is there to arouse the feelings and the sexual catharsis. The sense of responsibility and the sense of loyalty seem totally abandoned in this regard, showing that the people of the society are not core to the love making elements yet they believe in adulthood enough.

Fish (2000) discusses the meanings of RRT as of the social aspects in which the reader is living. The gaps are the meanings which come in the mind of the reader at all. Responding to the elements of the texts, it can be observed that the meanings and the aspects which come in the mind of the reader, are of the great importance, showing that the intentions are based on the social evils in which the status of the gender is not prestigious rather than the gender is given importance only based on the sexual relationships. The failure of the marital life is totally dependent on the love and loyalty yet the behaviour of the characters are not sure in this regard, showing that the social evils as are unhurriedly running in the society are not of the high value and seems that the relationships are not based on loyalty rather than of the physical sex only.

"Yes," she said, but she seemed confused. "I never thought you did it. I know who I married." "Georgia," I said. "I know who I married, too. You're in me. When I touch you, your flesh communicates with my bones. You think I can't feel how sad you are?" "I'm scared," she said, her fingers transmitting a miserable willingness. "It's hard to start over (An American Marriage 2018)."

Analysis

Familial aspect in the American society are mostly abandoned as are shown in the novel, depicting that sexual seducing to a woman is mostly common without taking care of the marital status. RRT presented by Rosenblatt (1978), shows the two phases of the meanings in which one is there to describe the aspects of the physical meaning as are shown in the text while, on the other hand, the meanings related to the experiences, themes as well as the meanings of the past concern of the reader are illustrated. RRT theory mentions the core element of social construction and deconstruction in a way that the holistic relation of marital life is not given so prestige. The physical meanings of the text, shows that the female is seduced for the sexual relations even she is married too. In the indeterminate meanings, it can be observed by the eastern reader that the relationships of the married people are not legitimated in the eastern society and under the RRT, the running meanings of the reader, show that the life of the characters are not idealized and the ideal one rather than the life is full of the obstacles as well as full of the social issues in which there is destruction of the social values and the marital responsibilities are not given the prestige in the view of the America society.

Under the social recognition and interpretation of the meanings, it can be observed that the meanings of the text can be run in the mind of the reader as well as showing the dilemma of the marital aspects. The attitude of the male members of the society is presented as illegal illustrating that the intentions of the society are not of the high values rather than these are related to the sexual manners as these elements can be observed under the RRT of Fish (2000). This can also be observed that the woman status is only with the sexual and seduction rather there is not word usage here as "harassing" which denotes that the American society has the fully freedom of the sex and the usual aspects. The words

used as feelings, miserable willingness and the hard to start, mentions that the seduction is not given the status of the harassing rather than it has become the part and parcel of culture too.

“When I saw her floating down the aisle toward me, her and her daddy both were giggling like this whole thing was only a dress rehearsal. There I was, as serious as four heart attacks and a stroke, but then she looked up at me and puckered her pink-paint lips in a little kiss and I got the joke. She was letting me know that all of this—the little girls holding up the train of her gown, my morning jacket, even the ring in my pocket—was just a show. What were real were the dance of light in her eyes and the quick current of our blood. And then I smiled, too (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

Sexual relationships of the characters are presented in the text, describing that the characters, are not at the state of satisfaction rather than these are the state of only sexual relations. In this regard, it can be observed that the things are not at the core elements too and there are no values being adopted in this regard.

RRT discuss the two phases of the meanings, at the early phase, the meanings are of the text which denotes the life setting of the characters in which they are seemed to be intended to the sexual relations rather than of the ethical and valuable relations of the material life. The indeterminate meanings shows that, this type of tendency show that the life is not considered based on the purity of the soul among them rather than the life is considered to the sexual and the psychological relations so that the satisfaction could be retrieved. The whole text, in this regard, show that the life span is circular in this regard and the element so the sex are not based on the familial and the love making rather these are based on the physical and the aesthetical elements too.

Fish (2000) views that RRT is also meaning generating in which is based on the social interpretation and the social interpretation in this regard is of the eastern concern as the present research is by the eastern person as well. The aspects of the life, in this regard, are denoting that the life of the American people is not based on the spiritual purity rather than it is based on the sexual relations in which the status of the woman is not more than the gender exploitation and seduction. The familial aspects of the purity of the life are totally abandoned in this regard, showing that the social evils are dominant as the, lust of sex, physical intentions, love making for time, and undressing others the females, as the core elements. The community interpreting is there as the phenomenon cannot be acceptable by the eastern society as the eastern society is full of the values where the sexual relationships are not considered as the good element and the sexual relationships are consisted only be loyal based, on the basis of the marriage at all.

“You don't know how demoralizing it is to be a man with nothing to offer a woman (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

Values of any society are based on the values of acceptance overall the world. The relationships of the marital aspects are based on the terms of husband and wife yet the terms used in the lines are of the man and woman only. RRT discusses the meanings beyond the text and revealed in the mind of the reader as well. The meaning in this regard is of the other concerns showing that the life of the American is not bound to the family relations rather than of the spiritual values. Rosenblatt (1978) discuss the meanings beyond the text and the text is based on the aspects of tendency in which the love making and love relationships are based on the sexual and offerings. The indeterminate meanings are of high value in this regard, showing that the moral values do not seem present in American society yet the values of the relationships with offering and love making are based. The moral values are preset that the woman would be given and this is the moral values. There is no description of the present, the gift to the wife or the fiancé at all showing the tendency of the love aspects too.

“Community Interpreter” is the other sense of the meanings through the RRT and this is denoted by Fish (2000) who enforce the meanings of the text based on the interpreting society. This society here in this red arch is of the researcher which is the researchers' community. The meanings can be generated that the woman has to be the part of sexual relation and dating rather she is considered as the part and parcel of the familial aspects too.

Keeping Marital Life as the obstacle in Freedom

“Marriage is like grafting a limb onto a tree trunk. You have the limb, freshly sliced, dripping sap, and smelling of springtime, and then you have the mother tree stripped of her protective bark, gouged and ready to

receive this new addition. Some years ago, my father performed this surgery on a dogwood tree in the side yard. He tried a pink-blooming limb stolen from the woods to my mother's white-blooming tree from a nursery lot. It took yards of burlap and twine and two years for the plants to join. Even now, all these years later, there's something not quite natural about the tree, even in its amazing two-tone glory (An American Marriage 2018)."

Analysis

RRT discuss the meanings beyond the text and the textual interpretation in this regard is of high significance denoting that the life of the people is based on the sexual relations only. RRT of Rosenblatt (1978) describes the two ways of meaning interpreting in which the one meaning is based on the physical integration as well as on the gaps too. The physical interpretation in the text presents that the marriage is considered as the bondage and is considered to be the part of the society as well. These meanings shown in the text are of the special aspects, showing the marriage is known as the hurdle in life, it is considered as the aspects of the juggling where the children have to be kept for the as a burden rather of the obligation. The depiction of the mother, relation is posed as she is not intended to be the part of the children yet she has become the part of the handling. The gaps presented in the text, which describes the new meanings, are there that the family relations are felt as the burden and the family and the family relations are not given the prestige level as is considered in the software as well. Fish (2000) says that RRT depicts and presents the meanings based on the community of the interpreters. The community in this regard is the eastern as the text and the textual meanings are going to be presented showing that the family relations are not given such prestige as would be given in the society as well. The family relations are depicted as these are not of the high prestige showing that life is a puppet toy for the characters and the characters are not of the part and the parcel of the normal values. As the community interpreters, it can be observed that the things are not favouring the social values yet these are limited to the intercourse of the sexual rations where the son is interesting the sexual scene of the mother and father rations. The demoralization and the devaluation of the relation can be sobered in the lines as the lines shows that the values are destructive and the values are kept as the keen aspect of tendency where the things are not matched with the natural purity rather than the purity is considered as the aspects of destruction and valueless.

"When I was growing up, Grandmamma used to say, "The Lord works in mysterious ways" or "He might not be there when you want Him, but He's always right on time." Evie used to say, "God will do to you what He feels like needs to be done to you." Then Grandmamma would tell Evie to hush and remind her that getting left by a man was not the worst thing that ever happened to somebody. And Evie would say, "It's the worst thing that ever happened to me." She said it so much that she came down with lupus. "God wanted me to see what misery really was," Evie said. I didn't like all this God talk, like He was up there toying with us. I preferred more of the tenderness and acceptance my grandmother promised in her hymns. I told this to Evie when I was a little boy and she said, "You got to work with the god you were given (An American Marriage 2018)."

Analysis

Human life is bondage of the limitations and values in which human actions and tendencies are noted for the purpose of welfare society. RRT proposed by Rosenblatt (1978) discusses the transactional meanings of the text existing in the text and in the mind of the reader. These tendencies are there to denote the manipulation of the aspects in which the crucial scenario can be attached. Religion is based on ethics and values and the same has been described in the lines as the sense of God fearing and values tends to be adopted in the lines denoting the traditional aspect of life living in the society where the concept of God is going to be abandoned. In the perspectives of indeterminate meanings of the texts, it can be sobered under RRT proposed by Rosenblatt (1978), the meanings are of the crucial aspects in which the life making and obedience is taught so that the man would be lived under the limitations and would led a life of spiritual peace. The things are diverse, showing that human life is not dependent on the keen values where the humans do not want to bound themselves into the ethical boundaries and the boundaries which would lead them towards the scenario of the ethical values. The things are very clear, devoting the elder people, stressed on the adoption of the ethical values, while the new generation is believing in the violation and leaving of such values. These tendencies are of such aspects showing that the life of the American people is not voided to the ethical values as the values had been illustrated.

Under the framework of Fish (2000), it can be observed that life is not under the spectrum of the tendency in which the social norms and the values are not of adoption. The things remain silent as the older people are living on the ethical values yet the new generation does not tend to believe in the ethical aspects too. The ethical aspects which are recognized in this regard, are of high values, showing that the spiritual purity and the action purity is totally dependent on the homes, God Winning, and property of life of the hereafter. The community interpreter aspects are of the high tendency showing that the life of the common people had been destroyed by the social evils when the religion is not kept as the thing of practicing rather than it is kept as the thing of playing by American society.

Lack of Ethical Values and Diverse Attitudes towards the status of Woman

“Your best quality is also your worst. For herself, she identified her ability to adapt. “I’ve likely rolled with punches when I should have hit back (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

Society is constricted on the basis of the values construction and the same things can be observed in the lines. RRT proposed by Rosenblatt (1978) and Fish (2000) jointly discuss the meanings while the respective meanings being discussed by the text are of a different level too. Rosenblatt (1978) discusses the two levels of the meanings interpretation in which the physical meanings of text and the intended and the constructed meanings by the text, in the mind of the reader are given. The physical meanings of the lines are showing that the life of the common people is destroyed and there are no ethical values as the purity and the moral development is considered as the loss of life. At the indeterminate meanings, the text is interpreting the inner meanings and the gaps in meaning in the mind of the reader, showing that life is not bound to the elements of ethical integration yet it is free from the concern of others. The depiction of the woman is showing as she would be tortured a she would not be treated as the woman too. Meaning in this point, shows that the life of the people is not kept as the easy life yet it is being kept as the difficult life showing that the intentions of the male members of the society towards the female members is not good. Under the Framework of Fish (2000), it can be observed that the tendency of the people is not of purity yet it is based on the amorous type of intentions in which the human qualities are not given the prestige level yet the human qualities are of the mark where the pure relations are totally disturbed too. Comparing the textual meanings, and the interpreter community meanings, the gap can be sobered as the gap is of the intentions as well as of the things in which the human psychology is tortured based on the intentions towards woman and the values are neglected, so the social construction is based on these intentions too.

“Women’s work is never easy; never clean (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

RRT discusses the two ways of the description in which the meanings are generated on the basis of the determinate and indeterminate way (Rosenblatt 1978). The determinate meanings are of the textual meanings in which it can be observed that woman is not being given the prestige status in the eyes of the man yet she is given the status of the sexual object. In the indeterminate meanings, the observation can be made, the vast type of the scenario of the destructive society comes in the mind in which the norms and the values are not adopted to support the woman in a way that the woman would be given prestige status or would be given the status of the responsible being. Being the community interpreting, the theory of Fish (2000) can also generate the meanings as the social status of the woman is not given as prestige as would be given in the sense of making the true relationships as well as the true participation in competition of the gaps of the life of the woman. Being the eastern interpreter, the community can elaborate the differences and the physical gas which is presented in the woman and the role of the male member is supportive. The generated meanings of the reader can also be there, showing that the status of the woman is not of the prestige type yet the woman had been taken as the piece of sexual object and usage only. The life of the woman is not given the practical protection yet she is taken as the object of working too that has to survive and have to work similar to the male member of the society as well.

“Love makes a place in your life; it makes a place for itself in your bed. Invisibly, it makes a place in your body, rerouting all your blood vessels, throbbing right alongside your heart. When it is gone, nothing is whole again (An American Marriage 2018).”

Analysis

The marital issues of American society are presented in the lines, showing that the marital aspects are not fully complicated due to the failure in the emotions as well as the failure in the intentions of the male or the female member. Under the framework of Rosenblatt (1978), it can be observed that the things are not in control where the love and emotions are given only prestige so that the bed of the male or the female member would be aroused to be with the couple. The life is full of enjoyment and is considered as the successful life if the intentions of the both members would be in pursuing the element of recognition and loyalty. The ultimate result in the lines is sex, and the sexual desires. The family values and the family concern aspects are not presented in the lines, which according to Rosenblatt (1978) are the gaps, and these gaps have put the meanings in the mind of the reader. The reader in the present research is the person of eastern society who is intensely willing to complete all these elements and the aspects which are not presented in the novel. The meaning generation of the lines, is totally dependent on the aspects of the life, where the core elements of the love making are presented in sense of sexual relationships rather than being presented for the purpose of making the life more charming and more concerning. This tendency shows that the life of the male and the female member of American society are bound to the secular relationships rather than they have been given prestige for the purpose of betterment of life as well. In the perspectives of Fish (2000), the community interpreting way, can be adopted which is of the high concern showing that the life is not bound to the loyalty yet the love is only considered as the being resulted in the true sexual relationships which is the utmost concern of the characters of the American society. The intentions in this regard are of the high concern showing that the life of the people are presented only confine to the sexual relationships rather than it would be expanded till the aspects of the manipulation in which the attitude of the individuals would be related to the social dimension as well as to the life long process of generations.

CONCLUSION

Reader Response Theory presents a wide range of meanings which are dependent on the knowledge, experience, intentions, culture and inbuilt theologies of the reader. There can be generations of different meanings other than the text which had been intended to build in the text. Rosenblatt (1978) has formulated RRT which has given rise to the new meaning of the text.

The social interpretation is based on the thinking and manipulation of the reader in which the reader lives (Fish 2000) so the social issues and the meanings of the social aspects can be best generated through employing Fish's RRT (2000).

FINDINGS

- The meanings of the western literature can also be generated more extensively even when it is studied in the eastern context.
- New meanings are generated when the literature is studied other than its social context as well.
- Much of the complication involved from the both sides of the marital couples which led to failure and unsuccessful marital life.
- Human life is bondage to the ethical values and the ethical values do not vary due to the change of place.
- Marriage can be successful when there is mutual participation through all the stakeholders of the marriage.
- The failure of the marriage is due to the complications of the mental state of the characters.
- The parental role is too important as the growth and the development of the children is seen as in an unethical way where the biological father is not there (Roy's father).
- Sexual abduction and the lust for sex let the human towards the destructive marital life and the marriage remains unsuccessful.

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