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A Passage to India, a novel about the two contrary ways of contemplation, between the Indians and the British throughout the reign of the Raj in India

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Abstract. From the very creation of the human beings, history makes us, the human beings, almost never satisfied with each other, thus, instead leaving a 'wonderful' spiritual and physical inheritance to humanity, which like it or not, mainly can be defined as disastrous, due to the ancient desire to possess more than we deserve. In a magnificent way the author of this novel, Edward Morgen Forster, extremely realistically described the occupation of India by the British Raj-rule- dating from 1858 – 1947. The main idea prevailing throughout the whole book is the tendency of the Indians to show hospitality of their people and country. On the other hand, the British, rather meanly were extremely successful in showing themselves as the owners of everything in and about India. The novel tells the very interesting relations among the protagonists, furthermore the extremely beautiful landscapes of India, by giving the majority of them an appropriate meaning. As far as the main characters are concerned, they are divided, as with a knife in two extremes, the good ones and the bad ones. Consequently, this brilliant novel, achieves its aim by the extremely interesting dialogues among the characters through which the reader understands every single happening and message of the main idea. Having read the book the reader solves any kind of dilemma that might appear.

Keywords: spiritual inheritance, the occupation of India, British Raj-rule,- relations among the protagonists

The novel has been divided into three chapters:

Part I: Mosque

Part II: Caves

Part III: Temple

Part I: Mosque

Every single part of the book, is a masterpiece of itself in combining the words, the monologues and especially the dialogues with the meanings hidden in the rich and enticing, not forgetting the landscape as well. The reader gets the impression of a magic stick touching softly all the things of the wonderful nature by joining them with the physical appearance of the characters who appear and follow one after the other in the novel. The whole story of the novel begins with the description of the city called Chandrapore and its ugliness, a view which used to be quite the opposite about two hundred years ago. Further on, surrounded by the river Ganges which divides the city into two different parts, obviously into the rich part which was usurped by the British and into the poor part, or, as it goes without saying, belonging to the poorest part of the population.

The whole novel is a wonderful palette of characters, who have their very diverse characters, thus creating a wonderful palette of conversation which actually play the most important way of understanding the real meaning of the novel.

Dr. Aziz, was a doctor graduated from Oxford, who excelled into his knowledge, thus returning back to India as a doctor. His ancestry was that of a Muslim Indian. His best friends were Hamidullah and Mahmoud Ali. They were too much preoccupied about the relations between the British and the Muslim Indians. Naturally they cared a lot about the position of inferiority which was a natural way of contemplation of the British, forgetting the fact that the majority of the mentioned Indians have graduated either from Cambridge or Oxford..In moments like this, when their heads were booming out of so many ideas coming to their minds about the above mentioned ideas, Dr. Aziz always used to find a way to mingle his unique sense of humor in his order to gain the realizing his sympathy by the British, who after a time realized that they were mocked at. They realized that, even though pretending quite the opposite that India was booming with clever, intelligent and witty people, but kept on pretending that this was not very important.

Without any doubt, the moment when Dr. Aziz goes to the Mosque to enjoy the atmosphere, the calm nature in the garden, when his contemplation brought him real peace and calmness, the thoughts of his dead wife and the children he had to look after, made him plunge into a deep depressive contemplation about his family and his own country as well.

The sneaking of Mrs. Moore quite out of blue, was the reason why he behaved so surprisingly, thus asking who was interrupting his rituals. Mrs. Moore began telling him shortly about her biography, that she is the mother of the City Magistrate-Ronny Heaslop, and that she has been accompanied by Ronny's future wife, Adela Quested. Quite out of blue Dr. Aziz made feel extremely uncomfortable when the list of Mrs. Moore was extended by the name of Ralph who was her son, by telling her, further on that his wife had died, so he was in charge of raising two boys—Ahmed, Karim and a daughter-Jamila. He had to work a lot, first to earn money as much as he could, on the other hand to raise his beloved children with an appropriate education.

Part II: Caves

Yet, having Prof. Fielding, as a good person, he invites Mrs. Moore and Adela to visit the Marabar Caves, one of the most outstanding pieces of nature that leaves everybody breathless.

When he told his friends they accused him of losing his mind, because first of all it would cost him an enormous sum of money, and they, the caves can be very dangerous. But the decision was made. Prof. Godbole tried to change his mind, but everything was helpless.

So the people prepared the date of their so much expected excursion, even though even the limitless sky, all his friends had the premonition that something bad is going to happen.

But, Dr. Aziz kept on cherishing his keeping to be more than stubborn and attracting the attention of everybody. He was accompanying a whole army of elephants, all the possible types of china and hundreds of servants in jumping restlessly from the place where Adela and Mrs. Moore was sitting. Deep inside himself he felt so dissatisfied for this occasion, which proved to be a real failure that would not definitely make anybody happy.

Ms. Moore felt a little bit dizzy and decided to withdraw. It was also the sun that bothered her even though so many servants were asking her numerous questions, whether she felt good or bad.

In the meantime, Adela quested step by step quite lightly and without telling anybody decided to enter the cave... There was nothing in it, a deep cold darkness that made her hair stand on end. There was something either attractive or repulsive about the place where she was. Quite out of blue, she ran into several small rocks and fell down. The most interesting thing was that she heard interesting noises and she didn't know where they were coming from. She was wondering where was she, was she in a dream or somewhere on the non-understandable situations caused by the deep darkness, unknown noises and the echo...

The eco actually was a real thing that was not understood. She began running and running and falling down and then getting on her feet in order to find light. Quite out of blue, the light appeared and she hurried outside and bumped into Mrs. Moore, who was sipping her cold martini looking for her. Then came Dr. Aziz who was also looking for Adela and felt extremely happy to have found her. There was a big enigma about what really happened inside or it was something that nobody could explain. So, they returned home, everybody with different ideas for what had happened, but one thing was sure, Ronny would have a lot of difficulties grasping the whole situation. Since Ronny was extremely angry with Adela's behavior and finally decides to sue Dr. Aziz. But, when the rest of the non-English population understands about what is going to happen, they all rise on the defense of Dr. Aziz.

In the meantime, Mrs. Moore decides to go back to London. She had the same feeling while she was enjoying the sounds of the river from the boat. But unexpectedly a huge crocodile made huge jumps and endeavored Mrs. Moore.

It was a big pity because she was one of the best symbols in the whole book of goodness, kindness, free spirit and real justice.

Without hesitation at all, Ronny decided to sue Dr. Aziz for raping Adela. But, Dr. Aziz was very well prepared for his defense because the truth was on his side. Then his colleagues from Oxford who were also lawyers prepared everything that was needed in a perfect manner.

This caused a huge animosity among the British and the natives, the Hindus. One of the best rules in the whole world says that the truth always prevails, no matter in the majority of cases one can win it.

In the end of all these situations being there and then throughout the book, the truth prevails. The quietness returns back in the small lake where Dr. Aziz decides to keep on leaving with his three motherless children, but the dark clouds will never leave his head.

One day, which was very calm and peaceful, he has two visitors, which he cannot recognize them from far. These were Dr. Fielding who had married Mrs. Moore's daughter Stela.

No matter what happens in everybody's life, you should never lose hope, be extremely positive, love and help the people, because we are all children of the universe.

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