

DISEASES AND ITS EFFECT ON THE COUNTRY – MESSAGE OF WALT WHITMAN AND KEKI N. DARUWALLA POEMS

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ABSTRACT

Walt Whitman and Keki N. Daruwalla were concerned about the common masses. This can be seen through their poems. They wrote about the downtrodden people in their poems as well as their suffering. How due to draught or other natural calamity or bad environment the diseases spread. How people die. Do the doctors take responsibility towards the patients. They are not wise sometimes towards their duties and thus patients have to suffer. There is chaos in the country. Many people die due to diseases. There is no place for the last funeral rites sometimes and people take many for the cremation of the dead bodies. Therefore doctors should take responsibility of the people during the time of spreading of diseases. Treat patients with care. When people will be healthy then only they can help in building strong nation. Doctors as well as nurses should not be negligent towards their duties.

KEYWORDS: *Common Masses, Downtrodden, Diseases, Cremation*

INTRODUCTION

Keki N. Daruwalla and Walt Whitman were against those who didn't do their work sincerely. They were against people who didn't bother much about common masses as well as their suffering. They felt that every human being has responsibility towards their nation. They should work hard and not be negligent towards their duties. One should work wisely as well as honestly whatever small task they are doing. Walt Whitman felt that one doesn't need to be a President to accomplish great deeds. One can do even small work nicely with diligence. Therefore even Keki N. Daruwalla feels that doctors have a great responsibility towards the nation. They should give the right treatment to the patients and nurses should take care of them and not be cold towards them.

Keki N. Daruwalla

Though Keki N. Daruwalla had been an IPS Officer, one can see how concerned he was about the people during the time when diseases spread. How people are dependent upon fake rituals in this scientific age. Keki N. Daruwalla Speaks about the draught after which the disease spreads and how the hospitals are filled with patients. White floor becomes dirty. Nurses and doctors can be seen in white dresses. Cholera disease is spread. Doctors give it name of dysentery or loose motions, etc.

They say it's a very normal disease though many people die due to cholera. They start vomiting and their stomach is upset. Many of them were died while taking them on the ambulance to the hospital. It's a pathetic plight. People can be seen standing in line for the check-up. Doctors do not to check-up their patients properly. Nurses also make fuss looking

after them or while taking care of them. Doctors and nurses don't seem to be sincere towards their duty. Many of the dead people are taken together for the cremation at the same time. There is no place for the cremation on the cremation ground. People ask for money for burning the dead bodies. Sometimes wrong medicines are suggested by the doctors to the patients. They are not fully equipped with the instruments for the check-up. There is no place to accommodate all the patients in the hospital as space is less.

Pestilence

It is a kind of disease in which a person suffered from loose motion and vomiting and they died at last. The doctor doesn't call it cholera and give it another name like gastro-enteritis.

Ambulances are called. People die on the way while being taken to the hospital. Sometimes the doctors are too cold to do their work wisely. Doctors and nurses don't want to look after the patients. Many people are leaving the place because the disease is spreading in the village. Doctors and nurses are busy looking after the patients. Many of them who died are taken to the cremation ground.

Epileptic

This poem is about epilepsy where the woman is going in a rickshaw along with her husband and her children. She felt unconscious. Her children were scared and they ran away from the place. She was alone with her child in her womb. The rickshaw puller was feeling guilty because he thought it was happened due to him. Her husband was under anxiety and he didn't know what to do. But the lady was pregnant and people thought it was because of monthly problem. People stopped near him and tried to rub her feet fanned her and tried to bring her back to senses. She was then taken to the doctors they told her that she was suffering from some disease. One of the people asks the ladies husband to take her to the Malaw while she is in pain as she had fits. She is then taken to Malawi who lives in place which is dirty and full of mosquitoes and rubbish is spreading here and there. He has surma on his eyes.

He takes peacock's wings and then chant some chants to do her alright. But this is a pathetic plight in the era of scientific and technological development people are dependent upon black magic and fake rituals.

Walt Whitman

Walt Whitman though belonged to America he wrote about the situation how things took place in France when it was struck by the disease called cholera.

When cholera was struck in France many people were stuck inside the country as they were not allowed to move out and those who were out of the country were not allowed to enter the country. This again was a pathetic plight for the people as they had to stay wherever they were. As during that time people felt that the disease would spread in other countries too. If they would go to other countries the disease would affect them too if they entered inside the country. At that time not much advanced medical facilities were available. Scientific and technological development was taking place but not at fast pace.

Walt Whitman Taught through Action

Walt Whitman himself took care of the patients during the war time. He nursed them looked after them. So therefore he feels that one should act on what is preaching first of all. One should be good human being first and serve the society and

its people. One should voluntarily help during the hours of need. One should believe in humanism. He felt that you don't need a degree to look after others or take care of them. You don't have to be a president or a great person to do great deeds. You can help others wherever you are and you don't need to have money to help someone in need. One should try to do every work as no work is small and thus help in the development of the nation. Healthy people can only help further in developing healthy nation.

Body is Important

Walt Whitman feels that if soul is important then body is also important. One should take care of the body as one takes care of the temple because one can fulfill all the dreams and can implement all the ideas when one is healthy. If women are healthy they will bear healthy children. Healthy people can work more efficiently and work hard more than other common weak people. If athletes have good health, they can win all races and thus bring glory to the nation. Country should have good hospitals and good equipments for the treatment. He therefore felt that there should be an exchange of knowledge. There should be sharing of information amongst different nations. Asian people can come to America to learn about scientific and technological development and American people have lots to gain from Vedic philosophy, yoga and meditation as well as spirituality which can be only learnt from India. Thus the amalgamation of all can lead to a healthy and developed country.

SUGGESTIONS

- People should be made aware of health and hygiene.
- People should be told about healthy and balanced diet.
- People should be taught to drink clean water.
- Doctors should look after the patients properly.
- Nurses should do their duty sincerely and take care of the patients.
- Patients should be given right medicines.

CONCLUSIONS

Keki N. Daruwalla and Walt Whitman are talking about the diseases in which strict action should be taken by the doctors and nurses. They should be able to take care of the patients. Right medicines and treatment should be given to the patients. Keki N. Daruwalla is horrified at the pathetic plight of patients. They are dying of cholera and doctor gives it another name as gastro-enteritis. They should not look at the patients with cold eyes. They should be well aware about their duties and help in curing the patients because they are the one after God who can give life to the people. If people would be healthy free from disease then only they can help in the development of the country. Healthy people healthy nation.

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