



Spouses and Family Relationship in Shakespeare's Macbeth

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1. Abstract: Shakespeare shows variety in his writings. Macbeth is tragic story in which we can see various dimensions of relations. Macbeth mainly based on damaging physical and psychological effects of political ambition of loved ones for its own sake.

Husband and wife relation in Macbeth reflects greediness of wife for crown and she supports her husband to do an evil work and get the crown by hook or Crook, however some wives have to take the responsibilities of all the family because husband unable to pay attention in order to complete his duty. A good wife always support husband for good works and she stops him from evil works but here we can see extremely opposite side of relation because of poor activities done by couple the end of the story would become sad.

2. Keywords: Spouses and Family Relationship, William Shakespeare, Macbeth, Political ambition.

3. Introduction:

William Shakespeare is writer, dramatist, and playwright. He is popular in the world of literature. He proved his greatness through his writings. He has good imaginary power. All his knowledge and experience in his work so that he could reveal the various relation in his drama. Shakespeare's wife name was Anne Hathaway. She was 26 years old and Shakespeare was 18 and Hathway is assumed a grown up their married life is spent happily in London.

Macbeth is originally published in 1606. The research paper focuses on the good versus evil ,the dangers of ambition destroys relations. How your supernatural forces influence over the story. Difference between appearance and reality, loyalty and guilt, theme of Macbeth covers ambition and power, cruelty and masculinity, kingship and tyranny, husband and wife partnership in each good works and crime. Shakespeare's idea of 16 century shows close resemblance with the present era. Readers appreciate these thoughts even after so long period has been passed. This research papers helps to eradicate evil works and crimes and understand the relationships of husband and wife.

4. Review of literature:

In the beginning scene of Macbeth, relationship of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth is seen to be quite strong. They believe in each other. They support each other. However in MacDuff family we could see disloyalty.

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5. Objectives:

- a) The present research paper finds out Shakespeare's works on spouses and family relationships in 16 century.
- b) To compare husband wife relationship in Renaissance period and present era.
- c) To analyze problem aroused relation and to find out its solutions.
- d) To study the critical names of relationship.
- e) To examine the way to develop relationship.

6. Methodology:

The primary source is obtained from the English writings of Shakespeare his criticism and the syllabus of master degree level. The method which is helpful to complete this research work is only observation method. By using this method research has gone through different literature, articles, journals, research paper, critical works and websites to find out related study materials. Different books of Shakespeare have been studied by various authors to collect the data for research paper to make study more reliable.

7. Discussion:

In drama Macbeth relationship has given more importance where we can study the three main families Duncan, Macbeth and MacDuff. Duncan is the king of Scotland and he have two sons named Malcolm and Donalbain. Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are happily married couple and struggle for their marriage. This drama focuses on the family relationships of these families. Macbeth is a nobleman of Scotland and works for King Duncan loyally. He was a tragic hero of drama. Lady Macbeth is his wife. There are many lords like Macbeth who works under the king like Banquo and MacDuff etc.

Macbeth is a very brave and he loves his wife most Lady Macbeth. She has a powerful presence in the Play. This couple was just like made for each other. They share each and every thing in detail happened with them in a whole day. Macbeth always asks his wife for support when he needed. When Macbeth needs any suggestions lady Macbeth always suggest him the better way because she wanted to make her husband's progress. But her nature was evil type. She is greedy, ambitious in nature. She wanted her husband to become a king of Scotland and she will be queen.

One day, Macbeth hurriedly came up to his wife to tell an incident happen to him while returning from the journey after winning the battle. He told lady Macbeth that in jungle they met to three witches and they were telling us strange things that I will become a king of Scotland and after me Banquo's son will own the Empire on the throne. We are amazed by hearing the witches' prophecies. By listening the evil in lady Macbeths mind suddenly woke up and she told her husband to kill the king because he was most powerful and brave then the king Duncan. But Macbeth tells her that the king is very kind person he gives respect to me, how could I kill him instead of these lady Macbeth forced him to take this golden opportunity and become king in this manner Macbeth could not deny her lady and her evil ambitions.

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth became happy after getting throne. Their marriage is most convincing in Shakespeare. They always show their support and love for each other, despite their childless, however, there can be no doubt that their relationship is initially at least a happy one. This couple depends a lot on each other. Lady Macbeth always gave her favor for her husband in each and every work. Lady Macbeth has a



huge impact on Macbeth. This couple strongly believed in each other. From this, we can say that Lady Macbeth truly loves her husband but this couple shows a wicked plan of murder of King Duncan for the throne cruelty and self-indulgence by willing the ground for them for their political ambition. They wanted to do anything in order to take the crown and become dominant.

MACDUFF FAMILY:

Lord MacDuff got married to lady MacDuff in The Thane of Fife. Lady Macduff's role is quite significant. To show anger towards her husband She couldn't overcome her emotions. Lady MacDuff thought that her husband do not love her but macduff fear for the safety of family from enemy so he always busy to save his family. There are no understanding and love within this couple. Lady macduff did not have control her husband's action MacDuff always busy in the battle and work so he couldn't give much time to his family. So all the family depends upon lady MacDuff only. She had become frustrated by taking all the responsibilities of family and son. She loves her son very much and her son love her too. She is fearless and takes care of her son. Lady MacDuff didn't believe on his husband, his loyalty.

MacDuff is unable to give love to his wife and son because of his responsibilities of service. But in reality because of workload he was unable to pay attention to his family but he truly loves them and care for them.

8. Conclusion: In this research paper it attempts to throw the light on the spouses and family relationships in Macbeth. Three families are highlighted here Macbeth MacDuff and Duncan.

The research paper try to explore the family relationships, husband wife relationships, their nature of love, responsibilities, beliefs, loyalty, honesty and support to each other. There are various dimensions of any relations. It differs by person to person. It points out that husband wife relationship is most precious and valuable among any relation. They should have love care for each other they should have to understand each other instead of harsh talks. Because conflicts were happened in each and every couple but it is decided by them that what they meant a lot?person or ego.

Houses and family relations is most to be grown and Shakespeare succeeded to develop this relationship skillfully.

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