

The effective of enlightenment literature in society

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Abstract: As we know literature is an article lingual among the other arts which has lots of responsibility and tasks in the society. Literature reflects the emotions and feeling of human in the form of words, except as artistic. The literature also has many motivations and philosophies One of the tasks of literature is enlightenment of literary in the community. For example, the enlightenment movement that emerged in French, sparked political waking all over Europe. Enlightenment was not limited to Europe alone, but also in the 18th and 19th centuries spread in the Middle East, India, Iran, Russia and Afghanistan.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Literature is a lingual art that reflects all problems and chaos of the society by the sense of writers and poets. Literature has responsible to rescue the people of the society from the ignorance, bias, religious superstition and cultural poverty.

There is a question that how can literature round out kinds of chaos from the society? The answer is clear, that is prominent poets and writers by creating their enlightened passions, rescue the people from the ignorance, bias and drive the people to healthy society.

History is a witness that there is lots of enlightening movements which is occurred by initiative writers and poets which people drive to flourishes society. Here is some enlightenment movement that occurred by literature and literary people, especially by writers and poets and philosophies.

The first enlightenment movement was after medieval covered up from the fifth ad to 13th ad centuries, just 800years old.

To these centuries there were just church thoughts and their scholastic lessons which were shadowed to all areas of European life. To these 800 years old there is no occurred any scientific works nor rationalist theories. If any rationalist theory was presented by any scientists suddenly executed.

Finally, slowly from the 15th – 16th ad Copernicus and Galileo presented scientific theories about spherical earth and sunshine centre of shams system, it was the snap on the mouth of superstitious of medieval theories.

After the 16th century renaissance emerged in Europe. There was lots of inventions and discoveries by the time of renaissance, by scholars and literary people (Barbour, 1990. P18).

2. BACKGROUND RESEARCH:

It is possible many works have been written about enlightenment and enlightenment literature. Unless we look at the history of enlightenment and its orientation to rationalism and experimentation only, Greek civilization comes to our mind.

Greek philosopher Socrates 469BCE, he gathered the young people of Athens and said that you should know yourself and your God. Socrates, thoughts noticed humanity. He declared that cosmology should be abandoned and returned to man. Until the 16th century, however, the tendency towards rationalism and positive scholarship increased, leading to the great French revolution.

In the 19th and 20th centuries many enlightenment literary works were published, here are some of them:

1. (Enlightenment): have been written by Loud Spencer and translated by: Mahdi Shekibania (1380).
2. (Science and religion): written by Ian Barbour and translated by Bahaudin Shahi (1990).
3. (Enlightenment in Afghanistan): Mir Mohamad Yaqub Mashoof(1393).
4. (Serajul Akhbar) weekly news paper have been published by the time of Mahomodi Tarzi in(1911) this weekly news paper was very useful for afghan people. And so on.

3. Research goal:

This paper goal is to investigate this scholarly article, to rescue backward countries like Afghanistan which are living in ignorance, prejudice and war. I advise writers to focus their works on enlightenment literature from now on. I

this present context, writing of works on enlightenment literature is necessary. Because this a need of backward countries like Afghanistan, which burnt for years the war of fire and corruption.

4. Enlightenment of literature in France:

Enlightenment was the flow of thought, that during the 18th century, Europe up to effort. The centre of this movement was Paris, during the 18th century Paris and London was the capital of the world that all scientists and writers came to here and debated to each other about the recently subjects of science and literature, specially England experienced agricultural revolution.

4.1. John Locke: He was an English philosopher that wrote the book of “Explore Human understanding”, that book was reputed by the name of “Locke’s unwritten tablet”. According to the Locke’s of theory the human mind is such as white sheets of papers there is no has been written anything, and there is just the human experience which that tablet became full of experience. The experience theory in that time was very important (Spencer, 1380. P: 10-12).

4.2 Encyclopaedia: The most significant and most effective work to that time was Encyclopaedia, it has been written by Didro and Dalumber which finished that book successfully. Encyclopaedia had lots of information about science, art.

There was not just Dirow and Dalamber, there was other philosopher and writers such as Montesquieu, Welter, Dolbakh, Morale, Russo, which have been published lots of scientific and literary works by them (spencer, 1380. P15-41).

These works was very useful for developing European thoughts.

4.3 Montesquieu “Spirit of Honour”: Montesquieu was born in 1689ad in Burdon of Paris city. The book of “Spirit Honour” caused that parliament restricted king’s privileges.

After less time Montesquieu “spirit of Honour” became the most popular books in French society.

Montesquieu believed that we will not arrive anywhere with bleeding, except through the law. (Spencer, 1380. P: 98-99).

4.4. Jean Jacques Rousseau: He was also with writing the great works such as “Protests” and “ Helloes” turn on the thoughts of French society. One of his most important works was (speech on the origin of inequality) in 1755ad. In this work, he portrayed the image of man, depicting man’s progress and degeneration. He considers of inequality in privet ownership (Spencer, 1380. P:80-86)

4.5. Adam smith: He was one of the key figure at the time of enlightenment in Scotland. He described the theory of moral sentiment(Spencer, 1380.p:134-136).

French and England enlightenment movement started with all Europe writers and philosophers such as John Locke, Rousseau, Montesquieu, Did row, Dalamber, David Hum and Kant...awakened all the Europe specially French and England society. Later it was the cause of grand revolution of French in 1789 AD.

5. Enlightenment in America:

French enlightenment influenced to other countries such as America. In America there was a great person his was Benjamin Franklin, in fact he was a best writer, scientist, by the time of French enlightenment. He had met with French enlightenment and philosopher in the 18th century.

In addition Benjamin was one of the founders of US of America. He was a writer, scientist, musician, humour columnist person and many recommendations about good life(Spencer, 1380. P: 144).

5.1. Tomas Jefferson: Tomas also was one of the founders of US of America. He was born in 1743ad in Shadal city of Virginia. He was the 3th president of US of America; He was a philosopher, politician, and supporter of enlightenment. He knew lots of French and England intellectuals also. He advocated the separation of religion and politics. He was a rationalist and he did not believe in supernatural. (Mora,1383. P: 298-329)

6. Enlightenment in Germany:

One of the great philosopher in Germany was Immanuel Kant was born in 1o724. His philosophy answers three principles, first what should be known (the practical critique), second, what should be done (practical critique) and third, what hope has been expected.

He was influenced by Rousseau and Hume. Hume was an excellent empiricist, influenced on Kant, as Kant said:” Hume woke me up from the sleepy dogmatism” and also Kant rate the books of Rousseau several time. (Pal, 1390.p: 82)

7. Russian realist literature caused the October revolution:

Emanuel Swagman in the book of “Russian history of literature” said that the realistic literature was the revolution literature. Googol, Lermontov and Push kin paved the realism school way for Russia. Here we introduce the writers who had a great role in enlightenment of Russian society.

7.1. Chekhov: Chekhov was a philanthropist, intellectual and liberalist. He struggled with corruption and lies, superstition and he was a great enlightener.

One of the great idea of Chekhov was to develop the back warded Russian society. He wrote lots of short stories and drama.

The other writers of Russian enlightenment literature were Pushkin, Gorky, Leo Tolstoy, which by written their enlightening works changed Russian society(English, 2003.p: 115).

8. Rabendranat Tagore from India: He was born in 1861ad and died in 1941ad in Bengal of India. He was one of the great poet, philosopher, musician and painter of India. In addition to writing poetry and story wrote drama also. He was a strong defender of the independence of India, that the British politician was afraid of him, The thoughts of Tagore over on Gandhi also.

His works: “king of the palace” , “Khyber’s poems” , “ human religion”. He with writing “Gitanjely” received the Nobel prize. He was a great enlightener person in India (Pore Dagwood, 1387.p: 85).

9. Enlightenment in Afghanistan:

By the time of king habibulah, Mahmode Tarzy had gone to Turkey and Europe, when he came back to Afghanistan, he published a weekly newspaper by the name of Serajulakhbar. This weekly newspaper was an enlightening paper that published with variety of topics such as short stories, kind’s of poems, essays ...but all these were critical issue.

In the beginning of 20th century Serajulakhbar had a great role to enlightening the people of Afghanistan. Serajul akhbar also was inflected in abroad, such as India, Iran and middle Asian. The “Alhelal” weekly was published in occupied India, was influenced by thoughts of Serajul akhbar.

Iranian’s publications such as Kaveh and soriasrafil also influenced of serajulakhbar. The British Indian and central Asia countries feared from political stand point of serajull akhbar publication. (Mashoof,1393.p:24)

10. CONCLUSION:

Although it is difficult to write an essay under the title of (enlightenment and literature) it does not fit in this small essay, unless readers know that this just literature that awakened the society from sleep and neglect and ignorance.

As a result, the enlightenment movement that took place in French and elsewhere in Europe occurred, has been caused Europe to wake up. For example: Lake and Kant England and Germany’s philosophers, by giving the wisdom and experimental views, the Europe community awakened from sleep.

In addition this is just writers and philosopher works which causes social- Cultural Revolution.

I suggest to all writers and poets to write their works and essays around the enlightenment literature, till their works rescue the community from the chaos, ignorance and superstitions, special our traditional society Afghanistan.

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