

Corona Virus Disease: Fury of Nature

Paper Submission: 15/01/2021, Date of Acceptance: 26/01/2021, Date of Publication: 27/01/2021

Abstract

The whole world is going through an unprecedented covid-19 infection. All the super powers of man have failed to overcome this pandemic.

Keywords: Unprecedented, Dreadful, Harmonious, Specific, Faculties, Overcome, Devastate.

Introduction

Here a question arises? "Is it a clear and dreadful warning of nature to man?" Yes, of course! Man has forgotten that he is a creation of god who has been given so many specific faculties not to devastate nature but to have a harmonious relation with it which is not found today. And the greatest reason of the lack of this bond between man and nature is the greed, money mindedness and ravenous nature of man. Here I would like to quote Wordsworth's lines:

The world is too much with us: late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;
Little we see in nature that is ours;

We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon! ¹

Man is running only after money and in this pursuit of money he is exploiting nature. Now he considers himself the controller of nature and the consequences are such pandemics and calamities. We should be obedient to nature. I would like to mention Alexander Pope who warns man in 'Essay on Man':

Go, wondrous creature! Where science guides,
Go, measure earth, weigh air, and state the tides:
Instruct the planet in what orbs to run,
Correct old times and regulate the sun²:

Instead of all these achievements you cannot overcome nature. Nature is furious and is warning us. O man! Beware, don't try to overcome me, you can't control me. As Wordsworth has suggested us to accept nature as our mother and teacher, we should be obedient to nature which nourishes us like a mother, guides us like a teacher and prevents us from committing mistakes.

It is both law and impulse
Which kindles and restrains.

(Wordsworth: Three years She Grew in Sun and Shower)

Nature inculcates good qualities in us and she is the greatest preacher. It teaches us about good and bad, right and wrong like a preceptor. Wordsworth says:

One impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil and of good,
Than all the sages can³.

Nature is full of joy, beauty and it has a treasure of knowledge and is always ready to bless our minds with that knowledge as it is advised by Wordsworth in his poem 'the tables turned'

And hark! How blithe the Throstle sings!

He, too, is no mean preacher:
Come forth into the light of things,
Let nature be your teacher⁴.

Actually, the problem is that man has forgotten the code of conduct. He has no sense of morality, doing wrong is being appreciated these days and to be innocent is considered to be greatest folly. As Shakespeare has written in 'Macbeth' when Lady Macduff says:

But I remember now
I am in this earthly world,
Where to do harm is often laudable
To do good sometime
Accounted dangerous folly.⁵



Kavita Singh

Assistant Professor,
Dept. of English,
Raja Mohan Girls
P.G. College, Ayodhya,
Faizabad, UP, India

There was a time when people were religious minded and were guided by central code of principle and conduct. But now man is not paying heed to such things and consequences are terrible. W. B. Yeats has written in 'the second coming':

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the center cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,

The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;⁶

The same is happening today. When a falcon starts its flight it is guided and controlled by its trainer but as it goes away from the earth the connection between the falcon and falconer is broken. It cannot pay heed to calls of the trainer. In the same way when a civilization is originated it is guided by the central code of conduct and principles but when it becomes old it doesn't follow any moral standards and code of conduct, consequently blood shed and murder immorality increases. When it goes on its climax there has to happen such things.

This pandemic Covid-19 is the result of man's greed, loss of morality and his thinking to consider himself the master of the world. Though the fact is, he is

Great lord of all things
Yet a prey to all;⁷

Aim of the Study

This paper aims to make the people realize that he shouldn't forget the fact ,i.e.he is only the custodian of nature not the controller and provide them informations regarding covid 19.

Conclusion

As a conclusion author would suggest everyone to follow the social, religious and moral norms which are being ignored by so called modern man. Now-a-days to follow the old tradition is considered to be old- fashioned and conservative. But if anything can save us from such pandemics is to adopt old age healthy habits like washing your hands properly, going bare feet in the kitchen, maintaining distance, and changing eating habits and diets.

References

1. *Wordsworth William: the world is too much with us, p.01, l. 01-04.*
2. *Pope Alaxender: essay on man, p.01, l.19-22.*
3. *3-Wordsworth William: the tables turned, p.01, l. 21-25.*
4. *ibid, l. 13-16.*
5. *Shakespeare William: Macbeth, act iv scene ii.*
6. *Yeats W.B.: the second coming, p.01, l.01-06.*
7. *Pope Alaxender: essay on man, p.01, l. 16.*