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## Nouveau Humanist Traditions and Standpoints In Mainstream

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Posthumanist Standpoints

### ABSTRACT

The paradigmatic shift from humanism to nouveau narrative called posthumanism is all set to have a pop up in the western as well as other ethnicities. The unsurpassable human intelligence is being overshadowed by the artificial intelligence which is the most discussed hotpot of current scenario. The onto epistemological regularity of post humanism is discussed in the mixed perception of humanity where Donna Haraway (1985) has pointed out the origin without any origin, secondly the term post humanism can be seen as post humanism that is a strong critique of human supremacy.

The objective of my proposed research paper is to substantiate how this genre helps producing more great and productive and rich ideas that not only excel through the technological advancement but also through change in cultivating humanity. These dystopian post humanist ideas in literature will enable us to subsume both pros and cons of new ideas and advancements along with the disrupting equivalence of society and human being and disheveled approaching posterity.

We are in the process that is co-emerging through all these relations with technology ,ecology viruses, etc . Here human is not a closed notion but is constantly changing, transforming,and evolving one. Posthumanism has turned out to be the key term from which the tendrils like **philosophical Posthumanism, critical posthumanism, cultural Posthumanism, and anti humanism ,have emerged. Posthumanist tradition should distinctively be differentiated with transhumanism.** We know and have also heard about certain categories of posthumanism, but I Would like to ask how should we react to this incident of Japan where 4 robots killed 29 humans. I just want an answer that What is the extent to which we should push our limits? And who will mark a safe culmination of such technologically advanced Transhumanist procedures? Does this mean we should declare the posthumanist traditions and activities to be complicit? If yes? Why ? And if no, should the technological changes be held responsible?

**The core idea-** The movements that I mentioned before took a sharp turn in 1990s, the core idea of these movements was similar but the narrative and motive was really different. With the help of eugenics, nano

advancements, biochemical engineering , a man can change future radically and thus can be called an “ultra-humanist”. For example I would just want to ask – who is **Neil Harbisson**?

**Founder of Cyborg Foundation** ,Neil is a modern day cyborg ,who was born colour blind , but, with the help of a device called an eyeborg , he can hear colors with an antenna that he has on his head, here the noticeable thing is that Kevin Warwick is the person who has implanted a chip in his arm in 1992.

**What is Grey Goo-** Nanobots producing some other nanobots during any technical procedure ,but here, the hacking also poses a question as with the help of this technique, someone can read our emotions ,thoughts and ideas and can also expose us to pseudo and unrealistic realities .

That’s why we can say that we are not a closed species that can be defined on its own , we are a process that is co emerging . So the notion of human is constantly changing , evolving and developing. The term raises a question that anthropocentrism or human supremacy is an issue and it should be taken care of.

Humanism is decentralising the human foundational ontological aspects as a motive that decides the universal status of things, but posthumanism maintains that this pattern needs to be reconsidered.

**The contemporary standpoints-** In the western corners, the human is perceived to be the ultimate and essential , social and rational being a specie that’s able to understand the world, think about it and can be communicated well. The philosophy of humanism confirms the presence of a rational ego , a thinking , a fact that all of the human beings have the dexterity to envision our respective selves that present a symphonic connection between all of us, and thus it makes us superior over every entity.

We are the only species who are able to provide anything a complete meaning and value and thus we attach our credit within this cosmos. Posthumanism try to thwart anthropocentrism by showing immersion to the non human entities that basically shape social life.

If we pay attention to the ontology of the word then it permits us to have the central ideas. The prefix “post” elucidates “after” or “beyond”. Posthuman theory revolves around the basic idea to go beyond. It’s a shift of modernity the post modernity and a term used to make a change that is though recently applied but talks of human thoughts, concepts and relations. 21<sup>st</sup> century marked many social theorists who concluded that if technological advancements would be increased then there will be a drastic change in the means by which humans, or non humans deal with each other. Such advancements have been called out great ways in a new manner for producing knowledge in a way that science, technology, and other studies have become the primary standpoints to be followed.

**What our past had?** My research is to posit the statement that ,more such non human capabilities exist and involve in the different different processes , it will become more crucial for the humans to stay organic and natural. The humanist concept which originated in medieval Europe, where the most dominant factor was religion and it was the church that was the hot seat of human exceptionalism. It was at the starting of modern age that a staunch advancement, of rational and intellectual beings, was knocking. The radical style of technology, literature, music and other foundational structures were rapidly changing and growing. Donna Haraway who is a famous practitioner of posthumanism aptly mentions in her *Cyborg Manifesto* –

“ By the late 20th century, Our time, a mythic time, we are all chimeras, theorised and fabricated hybrids of machines and Organism; in short, we are cyborgs”.

The term humanism rests on the postulation that-rationality can be employed as it compartmentalises ,different different human aspects. Since the inception of humanity its practises have been influenced by the European prejudices and immortalities . So here the morality was the determining factor for the group of humans.

Frederick Nietzsche who also announced the culmination of a logical era and the inevitable need for an advanced future ,laid the foundation for all posthumanist theories. (Nietzsche,1974).

### **Indian posthumanism and Queer posthumanist ideas**

Posthuman paraphernalia simply demonstrate that how the new idea of humanism keep on altering and depending upon the need of advancement respectively. But what do we know about Indian Posthumanist – Why are we called the **Cyber Coolies?** And What does this term symbolises?

So the software companies that find it cheaper to hire employees form the developing countries like India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, are said to be known as cyber coolies, my question is that -is it the perpetuation of cultural hegemony or power play or we are just running after advancements and developments? And here The answer should be loud and precise.

**The Queer posthumanist ideas-** Are we ready to except Patricia Cormac’s queer adaptation of Posthumanism, where she restricts the sexual act for reproduction? Today Posthumanism is about all new and iconoclastic views as well. The future is ready, but are we? Again a point to take into consideration.

So here the idea of posthumanism ,calls for the reworking of human positioning. This theory repudiates the singularity of human capabilities and authoritarianism. So posthumanist idea does not offer to create a stationary postulation of humanist traditions but it exemplifies the infinite constellations of definitions to be understood . Before I put a full stop to my chain of thoughts the last question I would like to ask is that – How should we react to a situation where there will be single graph, no more technologically engineered procedures , no more competitiveness in producing more robots like **Sophia** that Saudi Arabia granted in 2016, and no more humans as well ? the answer may vary from person to person and whatever may be the consequence is, we should be ready to adapt all the measures into account,readily ,reasonably and responsibly.

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