



ALCOHOLISM AS A SOCIAL EVIL WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MAHESH DATTANI'S *BRAVELY FOUGHT THE QUEEN*

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ABSTRACT

This paper deals with the advantages and disadvantages of Alcoholism in contemporary society. As you all know Alcoholism is a common problem in our society. This paper throws light on a critical problem caused by Alcoholism. The play came out as a remedy and awareness to this harsh treatment on family and society. '*Bravely Fought the Queen*' is the greatest dramatic play composition of Mahesh Dattani from the family point of view. Alcoholism imputes on the whole family. The playwright shows how the family and society are affected by Alcoholism. Alcoholism has degraded the life and wealth of a family. Alcoholism should be totally banned and awareness programs should be organized to combat this problem.

Key Words: Alcoholism, Family, Society, Awareness, Advantages, Disadvantages.

INTRODUCTION

The Main Characters in the play are:

Dolly is Sister of Praful and wife of Jiten Trivedi

Alka is also Sister of Praful wife of Nitin Trivedi

Baa is Mother of both Nitin Trivedi and Jiten Trivedi

Lalitha is Sridhar's wife. Sridhar is an employee in the company of Nitin and Jiten

Jiten Trivedi tortures his wife and premature daughter in womb of Dolly.

Nitin Trivedi is husband of Alka, Who has sexual relation with his brother in law Praful.

Daksha is Baa's granddaughter who was prematurely born on her seven months of Dolly.

Bravely Fought the Queen -1991 first performed at Sophia Hall Mumbai. In this play Jiten used to drink alcohol. He used to beat Doli often. Once he hit the auto rickshaw driver's auto with a drunken car. Then the auto driver grabbed him by the neck. He escaped with the car from the window and saved his life. Jiten was addicted to alcohol. He used to make beds in his office and used to ask his employees to bring liquor. He used to ask his servant to arrange a prostitute for him. While the servant was afraid that he might be caught with Nisha. If he meets with a prostitute, then people in the society will see him with a dirty eye. He secretly finds the prostitute too quickly for his boss Jiten Trivedi.

There is a couplet in the villages of Haryana. Where it is stated that Bhaang demands dance and Sulpaa demands ghee. Alcohol demands beating by shoe. If you like to have you can have.

“Bhaang maange Bhungda, Sulpaa maange Ghee!

Daaru maange Khunsada (Joot), Thari khusi pade to pee!!”(web)

Alcohol has become a big problem in our society. Its effect is very dangerous. Many people have become victims of this. It causes a huge impact on your physical, psychological and financial condition. The first effect is the whole effect which is very harmful for human beings. Consumption of alcohol causes stomach cancer, kidney etc. It becomes the cause of human death. A person who drinks alcohol destroys not only himself but the whole family. An alcoholic person does not think about the future of his children. His children leave studies and start earning at a young age to run. Due to which their golden future ends. Alcohol slowly starts destroying the person who becomes addicted to alcohol. It also becomes a burden on the family. He is caught by a terrible disease; he is then taken by the family to the doctor, where there is costly treatment, due to which the financial condition of the house worsens. Deteriorating financial conditions also affects the mental condition of the family members. First, the lack of money, then the cost of the doctor, rising inflation has a very bad effect on the mental condition of the family members. The quarrels that take place every day continue to disturb the neighbors as well. They become the object of laughter in society. A drunken person is boycotted by the society, like the respect of the society; he does not like to be invited for marriage and special cultural functions. Not every person likes to drink alcohol, some people start under the pressure of friends and some people start drinking in frustration. Don't know how many lives have been lost or in the intoxication of this alcohol. People still say that we want to forget every sorrow in the intoxication of this alcohol.

Alcoholism is that evil of our society which is coming from time immemorial. The reason for the work being done has become a terrible evil day by day. For which there is no cure. Alcohol has become that weakness of human beings, in front of which he does not see his good or bad. Alcohol has made a person hollow. He spends all the money he gets by working as a day laborer on alcohol. I don't care about the responsibilities of my family. In the evening, when he gets into a fight after drinking alcohol and beats his wife for no reason, frightens the children, we come to the child to know what our fault is. Not alcohol, it has destroyed the morality and mentality of a person. An alcoholic person neither sees family nor society in front of alcohol. Because of alcohol, he loses his respect in society. He is not given any special respect even by the family members. A person gets married to alcohol so much that there is a strange restlessness on meeting you sir that whatever happens, alcohol should be in front of him. Sometimes a drunkard sells all the belongings of his house for his liquor. And his humanity, that is, the inner person, dies when he even deals with his wife and children for alcohol. Because of a drunk person, the future of his children is very badly affected. No matter how civilized and well-mannered the girl of an alcoholic is, there are many obstacles in her marriage. The respect that the society should give them is not given to them. The government is also responsible to some extent in promoting the use of alcohol. Government contracts of liquor should be stopped. Strict laws should be made against those who extract country liquor. Today's young generation should be made aware about the disadvantages of social reform in the society.

An Alcoholic person unconsciously can occur rape. Lalitha is also afraid of going outside in night with Auto rickshaw driver. She is afraid of crime like rape. We can see in the words of Lalitha:

“But we live in RT Nagar. The other end of the world. Sridhar thinks it is unsafe for women to move about alone at night. I hate to admit it, but he's right. (Sighs.) They should have women auto drivers. You might still lose your jewellery, but at least you won't get raped” (DATTANI, COLLECTED PLAYS VOLUME I, 2000, pp. 236-237)

Some people look for excuses to drink alcohol, if there is any happiness in their house, and then they drink alcohol and make people drink which only harms. Even in marriage, people drink alcohol excessively, as a result of which they abuse each other. The only difference is if they can invest this money in liquor and distribute clothes to Orphanages, Gaushalas or food among poor children. By doing this we can promote humanity and also help the poor.

Alcohol also gives rise to crimes like theft. A person becomes so addicted to alcohol that he even sells his household goods for alcohol. Even the goods of the neighborhood are stolen and sold. So alcohol compels a person to steal and give rise to crime. Every year more than 33 lakhs deaths occur due to this alcohol all over the world. More than 200 diseases are caused by alcohol in our body. According to a report by W.H.O. 25% of people in the age group of 20 to 39 years die due to alcohol. If a man drinks more than 15 times and a woman more than 12 times in a week, then no matter how little, then the person becomes

addicted to alcohol. Many times it has been seen that even after the end of the kidney of a person, he is not able to stop taking drugs. He gets used to it badly. We see how Jiten crushes begger on drinking alcohol on the road. Sridhar tells:

“He is running over her! He’s running the car over a begger woman! Over and Over! (Rushes to the window.) He ‘s still at it! God! Stop! (After a while, slowly.) He’s killed her! He’s ...he’s gone!” (DATTANI, COLLECTED PLAYS VOLUME I, 2000, p. 313)

Causes of drinking Alcohol:

Many people become victims of depression, so they think that drinking alcohol will come out of meditation. Many times, many people drink alcohol because of their family history that is, watching their elders drink. Many times, under the pressure of friends, they become victims of this. Some people use alcohol for fame they think that in this way they will be famous.

Thus we see how alcoholism harms those around him.

1. First, he spends the most important money for the family on alcohol.
2. Secondly he stays away from family and spends time with prostitutes.
3. He cheats on his family members, he beats them up.
4. He annoys the people around him.
5. He also becomes a danger to society which is likely to cause accidents.

How to Avoid Alcoholism?

1. The habit of alcohol cannot be left in a day or two. Try to reduce it gradually. When a person is mentally strong can leave this evil.
2. Take your food at the right time and take a healthy diet so that the stomach remains full, So that desire for alcohol will be reduced.
3. Keep yourself busy with work. Don't be empty So that the focus will remain on the work.
4. Exercise so that the body becomes active, this will help in weaning off alcohol.
5. Do not think of yourself less than anyone. Don't feel that I have bad luck, can't do it. Learn to put yourself according to the circumstances.
6. Government should totally ban selling alcohol.

Conclusion

Mahesh Dattani has shown aptly the social evils in his plays. He shows how a family and social suffer due to such evils.

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