Literature and Culture: Both Interaction and Effectiveness

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Abstract: Literature and culture are two inseparable issues. When we talk about the culture, the literature can also appear unconsciously, because the culture is composed of thoughts, feelings and emotions and the styles and personal ways of society, which as a general rule, can appear in terms of principles and respectful rules. The literature on the other hand, discloses and transmits these concepts to other generations and these relationships exist from the beginning of history until now. According to above mentioned issue, the aim of this article is to define some concepts of culture and literature and as well as the relationship between these two components in the life of human beings.

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Introduction

The interaction between literature and culture and also the impact of these two on each other is clear and undeniable, and this is not limited to a specific geography. In fact this, interaction and impact can be observed in all over the world. As a matter of fact the cultures consist of people's beliefs, traditions in any society, and the literature, on the other hand, discloses these elements in term of different literature. So, the literature is in interaction with and impacting on culture.

It is difficult to measure the impact of culture in different dimensions of people, because there is no sufficient data in this area. In fact, cultures establish a situation in which the environment and economic, political, social and even technological revolutions occur. Since, cultural changes guide the societies direction, cultural thus, transmits to future generations and cultural innovation can protect society from destruction.

There are some elements inside the culture that are in harmony with each other and shape some beliefs, values, these elements can be flourished by means of literature. In fact, culture is the outcome of a society, so the elements of culture, are rooted in thoughts of everybody in a society. There is no doubt that the relationship between literature and culture makes their flourishing possible.

In fact this is a bilateral relationship because culture, on the one hand, establishes a situation in which writers and poets can flourish themselves and literature, on the other hands, opens a new approach toward the world, and this helps to establish a new thought in different components of any culture.

The Concept of Culture

There are different types of definitions about culture which are expressed by sociologists, Psychologists and other experts. According to “Herscotis” the way of people's in life is called culture. Society, on the other hand, is an organized collection of people in which they follow a special method of life. According to ethnographers, the culture is composed of a complex collections of knowledge, beliefs, arts, ethics, laws, and traditions that anybody in any society can feel them. (Taylor).

In other words, all knowledge and treasures and material and spiritual values which are acquired during the history is called culture. (Torabi, 1376). According to Malinowski, culture is a collection of fundamental characteristics of different social groups and people’s conception, beliefs and tradition. Culture is the way of life in any society and so, any society composed of people who interact themselves, and in fact there is a close relationship between

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these two concepts. It is impossible to continue a culture without a society and vice versa. The main reason for this are latent in unique characteristic of every human. (Raberton) Culture is a historical–social phenomenon, which is dependant on economical–social characteristic of any society. In this sense material and culture aspect of culture impact each other. According to above mentioned definition, we can conclude that these definitions have some characteristics in common and these characteristics are not limited to a specific geography. So all the societies have harmony in these elements the most important of them culture is outcome of people life their intrapersonal relationship. Culture is the outcome of collective life of people.

Culture is an organizer of common life of a society so according to what we consider it is possible to say that cu is a collection of people beliefs, tradition, … in any society and shape a commons sense of empathy and solidarity among people. In fact people are born without culture, but in any case the culture exists. It can be true that in any society the culture can be removed by complete destruction.

The Concept of Literature

Language and literature express feelings and emotions of any society. From old history until now, the role of literature is undeniable and even in such a technological era, the role of literature establishing pretty and mind splendor is important. According to Acroland, in responding to the philosophy of literature, he says, it should be expressed for specific groups of readers in a specific time. In this case, the result will be enjoyment of beauty, and this is the purpose of literature. Therefore, culture and reality can flourished by themselves (Hejazy, 1382).

Literature is not composed of specific shapes of writing, as a matter of fact, it can be generalized to any written and non-written material from one generation into another one. Profound impact and standard written in any society are important and there is a high correlation between society and literature. The literature is so useful for expressing humanistic and social values. In fact, the purpose of literature is human beings’ familiarity with different ways of living. In order to do this successfully, literature help us by means of teaching critique, solidarity, empathy and kindness.

According to Mr. Eslami Nadoshan, the means of decorum (Adab) at first was the good way for life. Teaching is a process which tries to open its vivacious doors toward different people by means of society, and by this way society conveys its culture to people (Eliout, 1387). The interaction between cultures includes some ways, traditions, thoughts, and humanistic thoughts which contribute to transportation of these elements. Literature not only results from the society, but also has an effect on it. Because they are does not only reconstruct life, but shapes it as well. Therefore, people take some champions as patterns. The impact of literature material on young people is much older, so we can suppose that readers consider the literature as a redundancy of life rather than as the life rendition.

Interaction between Literature and Culture between Literature and Culture

Although different societies have their own characteristic but in many issue they are in common. Their Loyalty to cultural issue made people to select suitable solution, in order to this successfully they shout transmits these legacy, one of the most useful ways is literature, which is a very important way for culture components. Teaching is a process in which opens its doors for flourishing life to everybody .As a matter of fact The society tries to transmit its culture to people .it has been attempt to convey it to the mind of young people, on the other hand when it’s that culture is in the process of development, the unnourished minds growth in a way in which not only to accept the culture but also to learn it. (Elliot, 1387)

The interaction between culture and literature is due to involvement of culture in different area like tradition thoughts, and human perspectives .and in this process the literature acts as a powerful instrument. In fact this this interaction both improve the culture and literature sublimity .human being need to both literature and cultural values which are the outcomes of their views. In fact, the literature not only is affected by society, but also its effect on society because the art not only reconstructs the life, but also forms it. People do it by following their champion’s way of life, and therefore become in love like them, and suicide themselves like them. There is no doubt that young people are influenced much than old persons, when they read materials. So it cane supposed simply as a redundancy from life rather than a paraphrasing of life (Sotoudeh, 1378).
Conclusion

As it mentioned in the context of article, the relationship between literature and culture is a bilateral relationship, because on the one hand, poets which consider the elements of culture composed of some traditions, beliefs, values, create valuable literature materials and therefore, help to flourish a culture, and on the other hand, culture considers these materials as its achievements and enrich materials as a general rule, we should believe that literature is independent of the culture of society. Because, any time that culture was dynamic and in harmony with literature, the culture was also enriched and full of achievements and focusing on nation’s history, it becomes clear that the glory of different cultures and great civilizations of the world depends on different factors.

One of the most important factors is literature which has important impact on elegance of people. In fact, there are a direct relationship between literature and culture and both of them are in harmony with each other. The culture includes the beliefs, values, of a society and the literature, on the other hand, expresses them in different literature shapes. Therefore it finally leads to glory and outcome of a culture.

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