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**Harmony between human being and nature in
Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe".**

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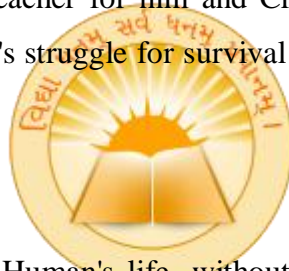
Abstract

Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe" is an adventurous novel. It is a story of Mariner Robinson Crusoe. Robinson Crusoe portrays the overexploitation of human towards nature throughout survival in the open, unknown environment, which later leads to the destruction of nature. Human and nature are connected with each other in a way that nature is needed by human to maintain his needs. Human exploits nature by taking more than what he needs to survive which later leads to the destruction of nature and human itself. Thus, Daniel Defoe's novel Robinson Crusoe shows us the fact that human cannot live without nature, while at the same time it also shows that human's exploitation of nature. Human beings are inseparable part of nature. Robinson Crusoe has no shelter, food, fresh drinking water and basic elements to survive his life on isolated island. This study focuses on the relationship between Robinson and nature. Nature portrayed Robinson as a very civil character and it gives him everything. It is a wise teacher for Robinson Crusoe. With the help of nature Robinson makes his life much enjoyable and comfortable. He spends his leisure time with goats and parrots. Robinson totally controls over the environment. He feels confusion of his destiny because he finds nothing on island to survive. Slowly and gradually he understands nature. Nature plays major role in Robinson's life. It makes him more courageous person, experienced and skillful. Thus, the main objective of this research paper is to high light the right and wrong ways to live a life. If human being lives a life in a wrong way, he should be ready to face God's anger in the form of any way which may be coronavirus.



❖ **Introduction:-**

"Robinson Crusoe", the first novel written by Daniel Defoe, was published in 25th April 1719. It is the story of Robinson Crusoe who spends his life's 28 years on inhabited island. After shipwrecked, he reached on an isolated island. Lonesomeness shows the human perfect nature. Survival is main thing for every human being. At island Crusoe survives his life with the help of nature. Family is also the very much essential for human being. Crusoe makes his small family with the use of natural resources like Parrot, Goat and Cat. First year he calls that island "The Island of Despair" and during that year he believes on religious things. Nature supports and helps him for survival his life on island. During 28 years he totally depends on nature and natural resources. Some time he uses and exploits it. Nature, everytime, gives symbols for living good life like sun, animals, wind, river, sea earthquake, hurricane etc. So nature is wise teacher for him and Crusoe also learns many things from nature. This novel displays Crusoe's struggle for survival of life on an island with the help of nature.



❖ **Human and nature :-**

Nature is more important part of Human's life, without nature human are nothing. Nature provide human life comfortable and make it easy to live. Sometimes, nature becomes cruel because people are not using it positively. Human beings do not pay respect to nature. So nature becomes risky for them. Pollution also effects on nature and man's health. Population also can effect on nature too. Pollution causes health problems, ocean acidification affected the food supply, and climate change may cause unnecessary deaths and widespread social disruptions. Environmental impact that range from the small scale may benefit or harm our health, sometimes in surprisingly dramatic ways.

If human being exploits nature and makes cruel with it, nature also takes revenge with them. Human beings cuts trees, wastes water, harms animals and makes air polluted. Thus nature takes revenge and becomes harmful for human health. Today we can see most under discussion things COVID-19. COVID-19 is dangerous virus for all of us. It becomes epidemic because of human mistake and their eating habits. People harasss the animals and



eat them and make harmful towards animals and animal is a part of nature. Human are catch it kill it and engage. They do it for their pleasure. Today under lockdown period, we find that nature becomes beautiful because birds are free and man are engaged. Nature has taken revenge with human in a same way human has done with nature.

❖ **Harmony between human and nature in Denial Defoe's " Robinson Crusoe". :-**

'Robinson Crusoe' is an adventure story of main character Robin Crusoe. Robinson is mariner who reaches on island after shipwreck from that time he starts a new life where his only companion is nature. He was totally alone on desert island. Nature plays major role in this novel. He uses nature and natural resources from survival.

Nature is most important point for every human being. Robinson Crusoe also be a part of isolated island and natural resources on that place he challenging new island life. Nature is helpful for him for survival. It is wise teacher for him. All natural symbols give him suggestions for living new life. Sun is symbol for him, daily new life in front of him. So, live it with lots of hope and without any sadness. Sea wind suggests him to be cool in any situation and go ahead. River is a symbol of hard work and go ahead. Tree symbolises helping nature without showing high and low. So, this all symbols are the wise teacher for Robinson Crusoe. All natural things makes Robinson's life comfortable and easy. Robinson learns adjustment from nature. He collects food for him and his animals and manage shelter on new place. Nature teaches him to live peacefully on its lap and to respect it on the other. Crusoe, in fact, has a mind open enough to learn from nature.

Nature has been portrayed as very polite character. He lives with cat, dog and parrot and he believes it is small family for him. Natural resources motivates him for everyday new life. He learns many things from nature. Time passes. Living with nature becomes the habit of Robinson. He learns to be grateful for the bounty of nature or the gifts that God has best owed accrued to him. Crusoe accepts and obeys this in his life. Nature in response embellishes him in every aspect of life with the necessities. He say that, " The first time I went out I presently discovered that there were goats in the island which was a great satisfaction to me." (Defoe 2007, P. 53)



Crusoe kills the animal for secure his food. One time he uses its skin for his clothe. He does't want to skill it as he contends,

" I could never found in my heart to kill her til she dy'd
at last of Meer age" (Defoe 2007 P. 123)

It shows sympathy of Crusoe on animal which is a part of nature. Nature teaches him in busy activities he learns farming, backing, fencing, ploughing, resting and mans other farming dutles. He uses nature respectfully and carefully. Sometime he displays helpless infront of nature lick earthquake, hurricane, seastorme nature make him an excellent crafts mam in these hardworks to quote him:

" Nature who gives supplies of food to every creature, dictates
even naturally how to make use of it: So I that had never milkd
a cow, much less a Goat, or seen Butter or cheese made very
readily and handily, thi after a great many Essays and Miscarriage
made me both Butter amd Cheese at last and never wanted it
afterwards. (Defoe 2007 P. 125)

According to my opinion he is not only exploit the nature but he only uses it for his survival. Crusoe has no way to survive without using of nature, Crusoe not exploit in but keeps a harmons with nature. He understand the value of nature cultivate crops grows graps and other fruits in his farm. Nature also helps him heartily. He spend his leisure time with goats and parrots lonesomeness is major problem of him. His basic need fullfill by nature. Nature make his life enjoyable and comfortable and it also make him well experienced and courageous. One can argue that nature offers friday to Crusoe as a reward for his past deeds because he possesses a benevolent heart for nature. It is gives spirit for new works and he uses nature for plantation and he earn money.



So we can find that Crusoe is very closely connected with nature. He exploits nature on the one hand and abuses human on the other. Crusoe generates a stable and harmonious relationship with nature. Nature change Robinson's psychology, it transformed him into sensible, humble and generous man. Time passes his life and thought made according to nature's instruction. He lives civilized life style on island. He spends 28 years harmonious relationship with nature.

❖ **Conclusion :**

Crusoe accepts all natural changes and live according to nature. Retrospectively, nature also proves helpful and makes comfortable life for Crusoe. Accordingly, he treats nature with respect. He totally depends on nature. He does not injustice towards nature. Nature and Crusoe both developed harmonious relationship with each other. Nature learns him main things and make him excellent. Thus it can be said that If you pay respect to nature, so will you receive. In today's situation of Covid-19, the human beings should learn from Robinson Crusoe's character and should take a pledge that we will take care of nature and will not do anything that will be harmful to nature.

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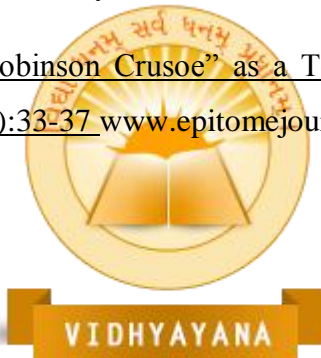
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