

A Passage to India by E.M.Forster: A Precursor of Modern Day Colonization

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The advent of renaissance in the western world brought tremendous advancement in science and industry, spread of education and exhilarating the discoveries of new lands with corresponding increase in trade. This period also saw the colonization of the rest of the world by European powers especially Britain. While the Western culture was advancing in all spheres of life and rivalries were galore about new discoveries, bigger trade and more colonies, a modicum fraternity and equality was also developing among the white race. Whereas the attitude of the colonist towards the natives of the colonies was that of master and slave. E.M Fosters, A Passage to India is a manifestation of the enormous social, political and cultural differences that the British had among themselves and with the natives of India.

In today's world although colonies are no more, fundamental human rights have taken center stage and the difference in education, science and technology between the nations of the world has narrowed, a new kind of colonialism has replaced the old attitude, whereby the Western world wishes to maintain its supremacy and privilege over the underdeveloped world. This is being done by way of the control of resources and international trade by multinational corporations. The world needs more understanding of culture and thoughts for the people to integrate. It also needs bigger effort on the part of the developed world to help the developing countries. Many were novelists like E.M. Foster around the world must put their collective effort to bring about this realization. In this paper, an attempt has been made to analyse and criticize the content of A Passage to India regarding its theme and message.

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