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# General Introduction

## General Introduction:

*“Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise. Become a stranger to need of pity  
Or, if compassion be freely given out Take only enough. Stop short of urge to plead  
then purge away the need. Wish for nothing larger than your own small heart  
Or greater than a star; Tame wild disappointment with caress unmoved and cold.  
Make of it a parka for your soul. Discover the reason why so tiny human midget  
Exists at all so scared unwise. But expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise”.*

(“Expect Nothing, Alice Walker, 1994”)

There are splendid many words that push forward the choice to specific need or feeling, and as properly many that push forward the desire to virtually say something. Luckily, maximum of those emotional facial expressions may be categorized and located into one family’s emotions. Family varieties as a context for fantastic deal of human improvement an essential social crew in society area the place humans learn about behaviors thru operant conditioning in addition to come to be socialized into their way of life , organic in social surroundings. The sociology of the household affords balanced insurance of move cultural. historic and sociological that generalized about the nature of the household and its members of the family with the society in which it types the simple social organization and fundamental team in the society amongst many and the camping of these propositions are taken in the research of household .

Alice Walker is a feminist and vocal recommend for human rights, she earns vital and famous acclaim as a main American novelist and intellectual. In *The Temple of My Familiar* , Walker extentensively employs ancestral imagery in the procedure of writing and transforms hidden which means via closely encumbered an central values ; that serve to produce distinctive lifestyle trade in the household , Walker’s fiction looks deeply rooted inside the traditional strands of African – American culture.



## **The Research Problem**

This research offers the relationships of family as individual effect and reasons towards mother and father and infant in unique the daughter, as recounted the relationship among the mother and father and toddler is now not truly understood. We are trying to find to investigate capability; the connection may additionally be through the usage of religion, race and family function in family state of affairs. It is miles an ongoing to explanation of the mother and father feature of being function or dysfunction.

## **The Objectives of the Study:**

The goal of this study is to beautify the first-rate of human assets according to the increase and development device in early life and maturity thru a family -primarily based improvement and schooling technique. As a household contributors proportion every high-quality and bad instance together. The intention is to reveal the effort of Alice walker novel characteristic to create an orientation for the Conflicts and changes that face the own family that could recognize its complexity as a grownup in ways which you couldn't as toddler.

## **Critical School / Approach / Theory:**

This dissertation will adopt functionalism concept to investigate the ideology that makes some component as notion, desire, pain is predicated upon no longer on its interior constitution inside the family, however totally on its feature, or the location it performs. Inclusion, the cognitive device of which the theory of feminism and womanism offer awareness of on gender, race- and class-primarily based oppression African American circle of relatives to apprehend mother and father and baby scenario.

## **The Research Question**

Confusion of the study is something necessary to motive the readers to carry out a study through sees the complexity of family relationship between their members. In this sense it came to ask the following question about this situation:

- How does Alice Walker guides the reader through many characters to apprehend own family confusion?

- what is family functionality contrast within the story for woman and male characters?
- How does Walker represent African American own family and lifestyle, and how do the principal characters represent differ situation of their issues to understand the capability of parents?

Alice Walker is the acclaimed poet and writer that explore the complexities of human life. She guides the reader through many characters and even more times and places and hundreds of themes and social questions. She took all of her experiences as a poor black child in a volatile discriminatory. The novel intertwines more than one narrative that are all intertwined with every different in the warfare to locate ethical fact. It is the remaining expression of womanism, there is absolutely commentary. The Temple of My Familiar communicates of domestic sexuality, aids, drug abuse, racism, faith, parenting, marriage and loss of life and it focuses on the intertwining stay of different personality and incorporates various narrative voices that explores the complexities of human existence.

A complicated picture is reveal; there's a sluggish but regular average development along persistent, severe racial disparities and mentioned magnificence disparities among black families. The proposed black family sociological, interpersonal, environmental temporal and cultural records that shape the important man or woman of black family life in any such way as to produce traits; The model also affords an prepared systematic accounting of studies and public policy problems applicable to the observe of African American families specially the connection between family individuals that it sets aside debates of black own family sociology or viability focusing alternatively on these families crucial character. The paper seeks to understand black households at the phrases of white subculture finding them in relevant social, historical, political contexts. Key empirical styles and tendencies screen adjustments in family's geographic location, high-quality of lifestyles and socioeconomic popularity that explore the character of the connection that exists among family individuals emphasizing the family function and dysfunction.

# Chapter One

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## **Introduction:**

The history of the US is the majority about black human records; in order that, black human beings in well-known shows extra about who they are as a rustic, their difficult and moves ahead closer to look for justice. Consequently, their strength racial wounds that they refuse to heal. But, all their voices through the us had been clean: “Black Lives Matter.”.

This chapter will provide a study of Black African American. First, it gives a discussion of the history and social background of coloured people. Second, generally in context of Black people culture, community and statement to specialize in the family and race relation. Then, it endeavours to the family function and dysfunction. To end up with the bibliography of Alice walker. Adding to The family functionality in social context.

## 1.1 The history of colored people in American

Colored formerly refers to a person of blended ecru “white” and African “Black” or Asian ancestry, as formally defined via the South African government from 1950 to 1991. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century South Africa , the word “Colored” was a social order rather than a legal designation and generally indicated a status intermediate between those who were linked as “White” and those who were linked as “Black”.

African Americans, one among the biggest of the many ethnic agencies within the united states. African individuals are particularly of African ancestry; however many have non-Black ancestors as well. African individuals are largely the descendants of enslaved folks that were brought from their African homelands by means of pressure to paintings inside the New global. Their rights were severely limited, and that they had been long denied a rightful share in the economic, social, and political progress of the U.S. Though, African individuals have made fundamental and lasting contributions to American records and culture. Thomas in his book Report for the Council of the Geographical Society explain:

*“It cannot fail to provide pleasure to Englishmen to learn that the descendants of those Africans who have been removed from their native country by means of the iniquitous machine of slavery are . . . Seeking to raise themselves via their personal energies from the sad function in which they were so cruelly located”.* (Hodgkin, 1858, p13- 112.)

The classification of colored people in the U.S was largely dictatorial, based on family setting and cultural practices. Most South Africans who identified themselves as Colored spoke Afrikaans and English language, were Christians, lived in a European conduct, and affiliated with whites. Many lived in Cape Town, its suburbs, and rural areas of Western Cape province. They represent the middle and working classes and employ as a teachers, shopkeepers, artisans, and other skilled workers. Those live outside the towns were mostly laborers on white-owned farms. A Muslim minority, the so-called Cape Malays, lived mostly in separate communities and married among themselves for religious reasons. There was considerable intermarriage between lighter barked Colored’s and whites and numerous individualities were absorbed into the white community during world war Two. There may be a widening rift between blacks and whites who are not poor a warfare of visions approximately the persevering with significance of race in American

life. Maximum blacks see race as still of essential importance; most whites think blacks are obsessed with race. This rift impedes the attainment of typically shared, enthusiastically expressed civic beliefs that would unite us across racial strains in efforts to grapple with our issues. The belief of the “beloved community” where blacks and whites go beyond their variations and cooperate in frequent brotherhood to foster racial integration has by no means completed broad attraction. As sociologist William Julius Wilson harassed two decades in the past in his misunderstood conventional, *The Declining importance of Race*, the locus of racial battle in our society has moved from the economic to the social and political spheres.

During the Civil War, the fate of America's enslaved would divide the nation. After the war, the lingering racist legacy of slavery inspired resistance movements and the Black Lives Matter movement. All of this produced black leaders, artists and writers who shaped a nation's character and identity. Black Americans wear styles associated with African heritage. Using a grooming tool like the black fist is a way to proudly assert political and cultural ties to the black power movement. Cultural Revolution is also reflected in art and science. Black writers use their creativity to support the black cultural revolution. Scholars urged black Americans to reconnect with the continent. Some taught Swahili, a language spoken in Kenya, Tanzania and southeastern Africa. Black arts movement icons The beginnings of the black art movement were consolidated around the artistic activism of Amiri Baraka in the mid-1960s. A poet, playwright, and publisher, Baraka was a co-founder of the Harlem Black Arts Theater Company/School and Spirit House in his hometown of Newark, New Jersey. Black arts organizations in Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New Orleans and San Francisco joined Baraka's East Coast initiative, sparking a national movement. Asafa Jalata in *Revisiting The Black Struggle* write:

*“ with the emerging of the 21st century , African americans , their allies , and supporters want to seriously think again the cultural , ideological , poetical , and monetary aspects of the past conflict to account for the successes and screw ups of the Black movement and to map out the future approach of struggle , due to the fact most of the people of African individuals nonetheless face severe crises . By severely and comprehensively reevaluating the method through which the African americans movement turned into produced with the aid of social structural*

*and conjuncture elements .... We will pick out some important insights which are vital to expand the strategy of destiny warfare for this society”* (Jalata, 2002, p 86-116).

It is plain that the financial fortunes of African people changed dramatically all through the twentieth century. African individuals moved from brilliant attention in Southern agriculture to tons more diversity in residence and career. Over the duration wherein profits can be measured, there are massive will increase in black earning in both relative and absolute phrases. Education differentials among blacks and whites fell sharply, as properly. While one looks beyond the beginning and ending factors, although, extra complex realities gift themselves. The progress that we examine grew out of durations of incredible social upheaval, specifically during the arena wars. It turned into shaped in component through battle between black employees and white people, and it coincided with growing residential segregation. It was now not continuous and gradual. Rather, it changed into punctuated through periods of fast benefit and periods of stagnation. The speedy gains are as a consequence of moves on the part of black workers (especially migration), wide economic forces and specific antidiscrimination coverage tasks. Finally, we need to note that this century of development ended with vast gaps last among African people and white people in phrases of income, unemployment, wealth, and life expectancy.

## **1.2 Black American culture and community**

African-American culture is a blending of the local African cultures of West Africa and principal Africa and the European lifestyle that has motivated and modified its development inside the South American. The compelled migration of Africans reshaped cultural practices, traditions, and identities. On this U.S.A, Black community building and identity formation have created a background discovered in tune, language, delicacies, art, and extra. This history is likewise obvious inside the physical spaces constructed by way of Black individuals and significant to Black culture. The amazing Migration drew a number of the greatest minds and brightest talents of the day, an incredible array of African American artists and pupils. Between the cease of global world war I and the mid-Nineteen Thirties, they produced one of the maximum full-size eras of cultural expression within the kingdom’s records. Yet this cultural explosion also befell in Cleveland and plenty of cities shaped by way of the superb migration. Alain Locke, a



Harvard-educated author, critic, and trainer who have become referred to as the “dean”, defined it as a “spiritual coming of age” wherein African individuals transformed “social disillusionment to race pleasure.” Cultural alternate encompassed poetry and prose, painting and sculpture, jazz and swing, opera and dance. What united these diverse artwork paperwork become their sensible presentation of what it meant to be black in America, what writer Langston Hughes called an “*expression of our character dark-skinned selves,*” as well as a brand new militancy in affirming their civil and political rights.

Popular Culture Before the mid-1960s, African-Americans emerged in popular culture as musical entertainers, athletes, and on-screen stereotyped servant roles. Driven by the black cultural movement, African-Americans are increasingly demanding more roles in mainstream and black media, and for more authentic images of their lives. Black journalists use the talk show format to voice community concerns. TV shows featuring black actors have attracted advertisers who capitalized on a growing black consumer base. The 1968 marked a turning point inside the African American freedom movement. The struggle for African American liberation took on new dimensions, recognizing that without a doubt ending Jim Crow segregation could not gain equality and justice. The movement also increasingly more saw itself as part of a global motion for liberation, concerning anti-colonial revolutions in African international locations and kids led counter cultural uprisings in Europe and the Americas.

African Americans entered the ultimate area of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with a few cautious optimism given the progress made over the preceding generation. The election and re-election of Barrack H. Obama because the 44<sup>rd</sup> President of America symbolized these modifications. But, with the upward push of the black commercial enterprise elite, a clean and seemingly intractable hole now separated the black center and small higher class from those dwelling in poverty. Black family persevered to face institutional racism, police violence, increased incarceration, and substandard schooling, housing, and health care. In a technology when African individuals prominently prompted American cultural and political views, racial equity and social justice remained sought-after dreams instead of accomplishments. Via the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup>, the top notch Migration became underway as loads of lots of African Americans relocated to towns like Chicago, Detroit, and Philadelphia. The Harlem section, which

covers just three square miles, drew nearly a hundred seventy five, African individuals, giving the community the biggest concentration of black human beings in the global. Harlem has become a destination for African people of all backgrounds. From unskilled employees to a knowledgeable middle-magnificence, they shared not unusual reports of slavery, emancipation, and racial oppression, as well as willpower to forge a brand new identity as loose humans. By means of the flip of the 21st century, African Americans have been greater culturally, politically, and economically various than ever. The immigration of hundreds of thousands of Africans and Afro-Caribbean's since the Immigration Reform Act of 1965 changed the face of black the united states. Conversations approximately identification performed out in public as a savvy era of multi-ethnic black Americans used social media to document and remark about history.

Fifty years in the past most blacks were indeed trapped in poverty, despite the fact that they did not living in inner towns. When Gunnar Myrdal published *An American predicament* in 1944, maximum blacks lived inside the South and on the land as people and sharecroppers. (Best one in eight owned the land on which he labored.) A trivial 5% of black men nationally were engaged in no manual, white-collar paintings of any type; the full-size majority held ill-paid, insecure, manual jobs that few whites might take. As already mentioned, six out of ten African American girls had been household servants who, driven by using monetary desperation, regularly labored 12 hour days for pathetically low wages. Segregation in the South and discrimination inside the North did create a sheltered market for a few black agencies (funeral homes, beauty parlors, and so on) that served a black connection barred from patronizing "white" institutions. But the variety becomes minuscule. Beginning in the Forties, however, deep demographic and economic trade, followed via a marked shift in white racial attitudes, began blacks down the street to much extra equality. New Deal regulation, which set minimum wages and hours and eliminated the inducement of southern employers to hire low wage black workers, placed a damper on in addition commercial improvement within the place. Similarly, the fashion toward mechanized agriculture and a diminished call for American cotton inside the face of worldwide opposition mixed to displace blacks from the land. Thus, with the dearth of people in northern production vegetation following the outbreak of world war II, southern blacks in search of jobs boarded trains and buses in a great Migration that lasted through the mid Sixties. They determined what they had been

searching out: wages so strikingly excessive during 1953 the average income for a black family in the North becomes almost two times that of folks that remained within the South. And through a good deal of the 1950s wages rose gradually and unemployment become low. For this reason by means of 1960 only one out of seven black guys still labored on the land, and nearly 1 / 4 were in white collar or professional guide occupations. Another 24 % had semiskilled manufacturing unit jobs that intended membership inside the strong operating class, while the share of black women operating as servants have been reduce in half. Even individuals who did no longer flow up into higher rating jobs were doing a whole lot higher. A decade later, the profits had been even extra placing.

### **1.3 Black people statement: black and black, black and white, black and government.**

Black in America now is not even half of one's ancestry have to be African black, but will one of fourth , or one of eighth, or less do. The nation answer to the query 'who is Black' has long been that a black is any character with any known African black ancestry. This definition reflects the lengthy revel in with slavery and later with Jim Crow segregation. Inside the South it have become referred to as the "one-drop rule," that means that an unmarried drop of "black blood" makes someone a black. It's also called the "one black ancestor rule," a few courts have referred to as it the "traceable amount rule," and anthropologists call it the "hypo-descent rule," meaning that racially combined humans are assigned the status of the subordinate organization. This definition emerged from the yank South to emerge as the state's definition, typically commonplace via whites and blacks. Blacks had no different desire. As we will see, this American cultural definition of blacks is taken without any consideration as without problems via judges, affirmative motion officials, and black protesters.

We also pay attention to the phrases "mulatto" and "colored." The term "mulatto" was originally used to intend the offspring of a "natural African Negro" and a "pure white." although the basis that means of mulatto, in Spanish, is "hybrid," "mulatto" came to include the kids of unions between whites and so known as "mixed Negroes" . As an instance, Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglass, with slave mothers and white fathers, were known as mulattoes. To whatever volume their moms had been component white; those men had been more than half white. At the time of the

American Revolution, the various founding fathers had some very mild slaves, along with a few who appeared to be white. The time period "coloured" appeared for a time to refer simplest to mulattoes, especially lighter ones, however later it became a euphemism for darker Negroes, even which include unmixed blacks. With large racial combination, "Negro" got here to intend any slave or descendant of a slave, regardless of how an awful lot blended. Ultimately inside the united states, the terms mulatto, coloured, Negro, black, and African American all got here to mean humans with any known black African ancestry. Mulattoes are racially mixed, to whatever degree, while the phrases black, Negro, African American, and coloured include each mulattoes and unmixed blacks. As we shall see, those terms have quite different meanings in other nations. Whites inside the united states need a few assist envisioning the American black experience with ancestral fractions. At the start of miscegenation between populations presumed to be racially natural, quadroons appear inside the second generation of continuing mixing with whites, and octoroons in the third. For all people of any acknowledged black lineage, however, assimilation is blocked and is not promoted by miscegenation. Barriers to complete opportunity and participation for blacks are nonetheless formidable, and a fractionally black individual can't escape these obstacles without passing as white and cutting off all ties to the black family and community. The pain of this separation, and condemnation with the aid of the black own family and community, are foremost reasons why many or most of folks that should pass as white select no longer to. Loss of security within the minority community, and worry and mistrust of the white international also are factors.

Now It must be apparent that the definition of a black man or woman as one with any trace at all of black African ancestry is inextricably woven into the records of the U.S. It carries ideals as soon as used to justify slavery and later used to buttress the caste like Jim Crow gadget of segregation. Developed in the South, the definitions of «Negro» (now black) unfold and have become the country's social and legal definition. Due to the fact blacks are defined in line with the only-drop rule, they're a socially constructed category in which there's wide variant in racial tendencies and consequently no longer a race group inside the clinical feel. But, because that category has a specific reputation position within the society it has end up a self-conscious social group with an ethnic identity. The one-drop rule has lengthy been taken with no consideration at some stage in the U.S with the aid of whites and blacks alike, and the federal courts have taken "judicial notice" of it as being a remember of commonplace understanding. State courts

have normally upheld the one-drop rule, but some have confined the definition to at least one thirty-second black ancestry, or made different restricted exceptions for humans with both Indian and black ancestry. Maximum individuals appear unaware that this definition of blacks is extraordinarily unusual in other international locations, perhaps even particular to the U.S, and that individuals define no other minority group in a similar way. We distinguish racial traits from cultural tendencies, considering they're so regularly pressured with every different. As defined in physical anthropology and biology, races are categories of humans based totally on average variations in physical trends that are transmitted with the aid of the genes no longer by using blood. Culture is a shared pattern of behaviour and beliefs which can be learned and transmitted thru social communication. An ethnic group is a set with a feel of cultural identification, which includes Czech or Jewish Americans; however it can also be a racially unique group. A set this is racially one of a kind in society can be an ethnic organization as well, but now not necessarily. Even though racially combined, most blacks in the U.S. Are bodily distinguishable from whites; however they're additionally an ethnic institution due to the exclusive way of life they've evolved in the widespread American framework.

Humans have more than one social identities based on institution memberships, social roles, and affiliations which can become extra or less salient through the years and across context (i.e., race, gender, age, career). This type of social identity priming may be understood from the angle of social identification idea which states that a person's self-idea is defined based on one's perceived group club. Furthermore, one's social identity has been confirmed to be an essential supply of self-esteem, behaviour, one's feel of belonging, and reason inside the social international. Social identity priming reveals that the salience of diverse identities can easily be swayed by cues inside the environment. As an instance, we can also identify extra with our occupation when at work , but while at home other elements of our identities (e.g., as mother and father or spouses) may come to be greater salient. In addition, chronic or non permanent cues to our racial, ethnic, gender or occupational identification may additionally subtly impact our behaviour. More mainly, an easy racial identification priming assignment has been proven to have an effect on how lots biracial Black/White individuals identity and socially interact with other Black or White people. Consequently it is clean that racial identity is a psychological mechanism that elicits changes on biracial people' conduct. We recognise that a biracial person's identification is encouraged through a number of contextual and interpersonal variables consisting of the racial group club of one's

interplay partner. But what remains unknown is whether this shift in identity resulting from racial priming also can shape other elements of the manner biracial people explicit their identity inclusive of their verbal behaviour unbiased of the race in their interaction partner.

Over the last half of-century, Black Americans have made significant social and economic Progress, gaining political rights that long have been denied to them, getting into professions from Which they have been blocked and in large part overcoming centuries of overt racism and oppression .African American , who make up almost half percent of the population inside the U.S., are making sizeable strides in education, participation, health, and different regions, but there may be a protracted way to visit completely near the racial and ethnic disparities they face. Black women preserve to have higher fees of unemployment than white women and hold to have decrease quantities of weekly normal income and median wealth compared to their male counterparts and white women. These disparities go away a growing portion of population more at risk of poverty and its implications. In the said of political management, African American have a wealthy history of management of their communities, they're underrepresented in all ranges of presidency. Black activists, pupils, and social commentators have raised cognizance approximately the importance of range and fashioned the national communication around race and inequality. There has been a proliferation of Black writers, screenwriters, artists, poets, athletes and Musicians who've grow to be superstars in their respective fields. Evaluating the monetary nation of Black the U.S.A requires acknowledging that at the same time as the United States has made a few progresses; very massive disparities continue to exist. Spotting each the Development and the challenges is essential to ensuring that people, which include Black People, have a sensible chance to acquire success.

#### **1.4 Family and race relations**

A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network. It's about feeling connected and responsible for what happens. Humanity is our ultimate community, and everyone plays a crucial role. Community is the condition of sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common. Jeffery Robinson explanation of community culture as

*"creation stories have emerged from each tradition, and in each*

*example, they've helped to define not best wherein a people came from – but how we got to where we're as a society. The American introduction story is primarily based on freedom, equality, and the pursuit of happiness. That tale, like most advent stories, is a component proper and element delusion.” (Robinson, 2015, p.3)*

The United States made considerable progress in decreasing social and financial disparities inside the latter half of the twentieth century, as discriminatory regulations like segregation, redlining, employment Discrimination and constrained balloting rights have been outlawed. Black Americans have executed Achievement in lots of visible fields, from sports activities and entertainment to politics. That said, there are nevertheless Deep inequities throughout social and economic signs to be able to take awareness and concerted Effort to cope with. Black Americans have made more development inside the twenty first century in reducing gaps in educational Attainment than in other regions. At the secondary degree, the stocks of Black and White younger Adults who've dropped out are falling and converging, at the same time as the stocks of Black and White Adults with high school diplomas are rising and converging. Black Americans have made development in accomplishing postsecondary education as properly, doubling the percentage of Black university Graduates seeing in 1990. However, very deep social and monetary inequities persist. Many Americans are poorly privy to the significance of those entrenched issues. In many years, Blacks revel recession like Situations even in an economic system wherein others thrive. Blacks suffer approximately two times the Unemployment fee as Whites. The typical Black family earns approximately \$29,000 less annual Profits than its White counterpart. Black youngsters are 3 times as probably as white youngsters to develop up in poverty, and they're more likely to remain there. Black people additionally face big demanding situations in different areas that affect the quality of existence and Standard prosperity. Homeownership fees are stagnant among all Black households and are falling For Black millennial. Voting rights have over again been installed jeopardy in ways that disproportionately affect minority communities, making it extra hard for Blacks to advice for better rules. Enormous racial disparities in health outcomes remain, at the same time as the Trump Administration makes it greater difficult to get right of entry to low cost medical health insurance. There are few signs that these inequities will diminish within the near destiny or that market forces Alone will cope with them. Ambitious monetary

guidelines will be necessary to enhance the economic country of Black moving into the future.

## 1.5 African American literature

African American literature is the body of literature written by individuals American of African descent. Beginning within the pre-modern war length, African American writers have engaged in an innovative, if often contentious, speak with American letters. The end result is a literature wealthy in expressive subtlety and social perception, imparting illuminating tests of American identities and history. Despite the fact that because 1970 African American writers, led via Toni Morrison, have earned sizable essential acclaim, this literature has been diagnosed internationally in addition to nationally for the reason that its inception in the past due 18th century. As African individuals place in American society has changed over the centuries, also, have the foci of African American literature. Earlier than the American Civil war, African American literature generally centred on the issue of slavery, as indicated by using the famous subgenre of slave narratives. On the flip of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, books by way of authors such as W.E.B. Dubois and Booker T. Washington debated whether to confront or appease racist attitudes within the USA. Throughout the American Civil Rights movement, authors like Richard Wright and Gwendolyn Brooks wrote about problems of racial segregation and Black Nationalism. Nowadays, African American literature has emerged as time-honoured as a necessary part of American literature, with books which includes *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* by Alex Haley, *The Colour Purple* by Alice Walker, and *Beloved* by Toni Morrison having both best-selling and award-winning status.

African American literature occupy a unique position in global come upon of cultures and humanistic discourse as it reflects the first-rate impassioned encounters of a minority group dwelling some of the affluent of the most prosperous country. It tends to awareness on issues of precise interest to Black human beings, for example, the role of African individuals in the larger American society and issues such as African American culture, racism, religion, slavery, freedom, and equality. This awareness started out with the earliest African American writings, such as the slave narrative genre in the early nineteenth century, and maintains via the paintings of many present authors. Any other function of African American literature is its robust tradition of incorporating oral poetry into itself. There are numerous examples



of oral poetry in African American tradition, including spirituals, African American gospel song, blues and rap. This oral poetry also indicates up within the African American way of life of Christian sermons, which employ deliberate repetition, cadence and alliteration. All of these examples of oral poetry have made their manner into African American literature. However, at the same time as these characteristics exist on many stages of African American literature, they're now not the one-of-a-kind definition of the style. As with all sort of literature, there are disagreements to the style's definitions and which authors and works need to be blanketed. A few people include in African American literature writings by African individuals which lack black characters and situations and aren't specially centred at black audiences, which includes the work of Delany, who's outspokenly homosexual, regularly has handled problems of sexual identification and social bias. Even as Delany does now not specially cope with these issues in an African American context, many consider him a leading voice in African American literature.

Black Literature criticism take a look at African American literature, typically starts with analyzing slavery and its means to records on relationship with the ideal of "freedom." Many early writers within the style strove to forge a brand new narrative shape that could now not most effective focus on the general dehumanization of people thru slavery in America but also analyzing and exploring the cultural consciousness that allowed forced migration to occur and proliferate inside the first area in the so-known as "land of the loose."The duration of Reconstruction following the Civil war led to literature that became greater uplifting and socially conscious than inside the past. Then, for the duration of the Harlem Renaissance and next Black arts technology, many writers commenced to supply fiction, poetry, and theatre to create a cultural nationalism to fight Jim Crow disenfranchisement and segregation. This eventually led to the present day civil rights movement that spawned its own logo of modern-day African American literature that heralded neo-slavery, Black postmodernism, and the inclusion of Black feminism and different sexual challenges. Nowadays, Black literature complaint maintains to broaden and explore new ways of representing and analyzing the present representation of race and racial identity via the exploration of the fields of gender, sexuality, and politics

## **Conclusion**

As has been demonstrated in this chapter, The Black household is the incubator of

generational expertise, traditions, values, and behaviours who serves as a shielding mechanism closer to external threats and serves as a catalyst for the subsequent ecological cycle. A numerous traits might be generally identified with a properly-functioning circle of relatives, a few include: support; love and caring for unique family participants; presenting protection and a sense of belonging; open conversation; making each individual in the family sense crucial, valued, respected and esteemed. Result to the cultural property including family members aid, spirituality, and ethnic identification through the years have been important elements in defending and strengthening African-American families in coping with their lion's percentage of adversities before, all through, and after slavery.

## **1.2 Bibliographical background: Alice walker, life, work, style and writing career**

### **Introduction**

The social activist and creator who motivated African American women to understand their well worth and pursue their inventive passions Alice Walker, is aware of the struggles that ladies face and how vital it is to have an innovative outlet. Black female have a greater probability of experiencing violence, receiving decrease pay, and seeing fewer media and political representations of women who seem like them.

This chapter present Walker as an author, civil rights activist, and women's rights activist and that she have an impact on extends her writing. She laboured as a social worker, teacher, lecturer, and took phase in Mississippi's Nineteen Sixties Civil Rights Movement. Then Drawing from Walker's findings innovative imaginative and prescient is rooted in the financial hardship, racial terror, and folk knowledge of African American lifestyles and culture, especially in the rural South. Finally deal with her writing that explores multidimensional kinships amongst women and embraces the redemptive strength of social and political revolution.

### **1.2.1 Alice walker and writing career**

Alice Walker Was born on February 9, 1944, in Eatonton, Georgia, US, The youngsters to Willie Lee and Minnie Tallulah Walker. Like many of Walker's fictional characters, she becomes the daughter of a tenant farmer (a farmer who rents his land). At the age 8, Walker first life turned, by accident injured via a BB gun shot to her eye by way

of her brother. Her partial blindness triggered her to withdraw from ordinary childhood sports and begin writing poetry to ease her loneliness. She found that writing demanded peace and quiet, however these were tough things to come back by using whilst ten humans lived in four rooms. She spent a first rate deal of time working outdoors sitting beneath a tree. Walker attended segregated (separated by race) faculties which might be described as inferior through present day standards, yet she recalled that she had exceptional teachers who encouraged her to trust the sector she turned into accomplishing for definitely existed. Despite the fact that Walker grew up in a poor surroundings, she turned into supported by her community and by way of the knowledge that she should choose her very own identification. Moreover, Walker insisted that her mom granted her "permission" to be a creator and gave her the social, spiritual, and moral substance for her testimonies. Upon graduating from high school, Walker secured a scholarship to attend Spellman university in Atlanta, Georgia, where she were given worried in the growing civil rights movement, a movement which referred to as for identical rights amongst all races. In 1963, Walker obtained some other scholarship and transferred to Sarah Lawrence University in New York, in which she completed her studies and graduated in 1965 with a bachelor's degree. While at Sarah Lawrence, she spent her junior 12 months in Africa as a trade pupil. After commencement she worked with a voter registration power in Georgia and the Head Start program (a program to teach poorer kids) in Jackson, Mississippi. It was there she met, and in 1967 married, Melvyn Eventual, a civil rights attorney. Their marriage produced one infant, Rebecca, earlier than finishing in divorce in 1976.

Her writing and teaching careers begin in 1968; Walker posted her first series of poetry, as soon as Walker's teaching and writing careers overlapped in the course of the Seventies. She served as an author in house and as a teacher in the Black studies program at Jackson State University in Tennessee (1968–69) and Tugaloo University in Mississippi (1970–71). Even as teaching she was at work on her first novel, *The Third Life of Grange Copeland* (1970), which become assisted via an award from the national Endowment for the arts (1969; a government program to offer money to artists). She then moved north and taught at Wellesley University, in Massachusetts, and the college of Massachusetts at Boston. In 1973 her series of brief memories, and a collection of poetry, progressive Petunias, regarded. She received a Radcliffe

Institute scholarship (1971–73), a Rosenthal basis award, and an American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters award (both in 1974) for *In Love and Trouble*. In 1976 Walker's 2nd novel, *Meridian*, became posted, observed by a Guggenheim award (in 1977–1978). In 1979 every other collection of poetry, *Goodnight, Willie Lee, I'll See You in the Morning*, was posted, observed the next year via some other collection of short stories, *You can't keep a Good Woman Down* (1980). Walker's novel, *The color Purple* was posted in 1982, and this work received both a Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award the subsequent year. Walker turned into also a contributor to numerous periodicals and in 1983 published lots of her essays, a group titled *In Search of Our Mother's Gardens: a collection of Womanist Prose* (1983). Walker labored on her fourth novel at the same time as dwelling in Mendocino County outdoor San Francisco, California.

### 1.2.2 Criticism of Alice Walker Work

The tale of Alice Walker's childhood scar gives the most basic metaphor of her novels; the concept that radical change is feasible even under the worst conditions. Despite the fact that she became by no means capable of regain the sight in a single eye, Walker's disfigurement becomes drastically lessened:

*"I used to pray every night that I would wake up and somehow it would be gone. I couldn't look at people directly because I thought I was ugly. . . . Then when I was fourteen, I visited my brother Bill [who] took me to a hospital where they removed most of the scar tissue—and I was a changed person. I promptly went home, scooped up the best-looking guy, and by the time I graduated from high school, I was valedictorian, voted "Most popular," and crowned queen!"(White, p30-40).*

The idea that change and private triumph are feasible no matter the odds is significant to all of Walker's writing. Her paintings focuses at once or in a roundabout way on the methods of survival adopted via black women, generally within the South, and is supplied in a prose style characterized by using a exclusive aggregate of lyricism and unflinching realism. Walker's women strive not merely to live to tell , however to live the tale absolutely with a few experience of balance, regardless of the consistent thread of family violence, physical and intellectual abuse, and a lack of responsibility at the part of the men of their lives. Walker is simultaneously a feminist

and a supporter of civil rights, not most effective for black individuals but also for minorities everywhere.

Walker herself defined her “preoccupations” as a novelist: “*The survival, whole of my people. But beyond that I am committed to exploring the oppressions, the insanities, the loyalties, and the triumphs of black women.*” (White, p277).

In her highly praised fiction and her wide-ranging nonfiction, Pulitzer-winning author Alice Walker frequently issues herself with diverse sorts of violence in the direction of girls. Her tales are regularly painful to study, however she uncovers insights approximately race, gender and human resilience alongside the way. Walker’s first novel, *The Third Life of Grange Copeland*, centers at the lifestyles of a young African American female, Ruth Copeland, and her grandfather, Grange. On the surface a unique approximately the cycle of rage and violence torturing the lives of a father and his son, is as an awful lot approximately the recipients of that rage the girls and kids whose lives are directly affected. Despite the fact that the novel is unremitting in its picture of desperate poverty’s legacy of hatred, hopelessness, and cruelty, it concludes with a bit of luck with Ruth Copeland’s hope for a release from sorrow thru the redemption promised by using the early days of the Civil Rights movement and by means of the understanding and love inherited at the sacrificial death of her grandfather. Add up to Walker’s 2<sup>nd</sup> novel, *Meridian*, choices up chronologically and thematically on the point in which her first novel ended. *Meridian* describes the struggles of a young black lady, Meridian Hill, approximately the same age as Ruth Copeland, who comes to an attention of strength and feminism for the duration of the Civil Rights motion, and whose entire existence’s that means is targeted inside the cycles of guilt, violence, desire, and change characteristic of that dramatic time. Thematically, *Meridian* selections up the primary novel’s theme of self-sacrificial homicide as a way out of desperate political oppression in the form of the constant question that drives Meridian Hill—“Will you kill for the Revolution?” Meridian’s lifelong try to solution that query affirmatively (as her college pals so effortlessly do), even as last true to her experience of duty to the beyond, her sense of ethics, and her sense of guilt of getting given to her mother the child of her teenage being pregnant, constitutes the segment of the unconventional titled “*Meridian.*”

Furthermore, like Walker’s first novels, “*The Color Purple*” has an uncommon form.

*The color purple* offers the author's acquainted and but sparkling themes survival and redemption in epistolary shape. Maximum of the unconventional letters are written by using Celie, an uneducated, unloved, black lady residing in rural Georgia for the duration of the 1920's; Celie's letters are written in what Walker calls "black folks English," a language of wit, power, and natural humour. Ashamed of having been raped by using her stepfather, a person whom Celie thinks at the time is her father, she starts to ship letters to God, within the way that youngsters ship letters to Santa Claus, due to the fact her rapist told her to tell no one however God. Despite the fact that her early letters inform of rape, degradation, and ache, of her stepfather's doing away with the two youngsters born of his cruelty, the tone is although captivating, ironic, or even funny. Quickly the melancholy will become reputation, then into know how, anger, riot, and eventually triumph and loving forgiveness as the fourteen-twelve months antique Celie keeps jotting down until she reaches an target market, some thirty years later. Like the writer, who started writing on the age of eight, and who has grew to become her early life experience in rural Georgia into three novels of violence, hatred, understanding, love, and profound wish for the destiny, Celie is a author, a listener, a thinker, and a promoter of Walker's constant theme: "Love redeems, meanness kills".

Alice Walker's "*The color purple*" (1982) gave her world wide popularity as a fiction writer. All her works are on woman's issues. Her childhood lifestyles gave her the insights essential to end up a writer. She had to battle lots whilst she became young. Her golf equipment her private stories together with her writings. Maximum of her works cope with eco-feminist issues due the fact she has given significance to each women and nature "Patriarchy equates women and nature, so that a feminist analysis is required to fully understand the genesis of environmental problems. In other words, where women are degraded, nature will be degraded, and where women are thought to be eternally giving and nurturing, nature will be thought of as endlessly fertile and exploitable." (Eco-feminism: Women, Culture and Nature edited by Karen J. Warren,-263). Walker attempts to show how broken relationships and the destruction of nature lead to patriarchal domination over women and nature in her *The Temple of My Familiar*. Eco-feminist concerns are very much evident in the novel. Her works also include the novel *possessing the Secret of Joy* and The novels *By the Light of My Father's Smile*. Share sturdy characters whose sexual identities suffer in an effort to conform to the society in which they live. Simplest

through dying can Tashi and Mad dog grow to be entire and escape the male-ruled international and its regulations. Adding, *By the Light of My Father's Smile*, Walker's sixth novel follows the Johnson circle of relatives on an adventure thru lifestyles, and to rebirth thru dying. Magdalena, called Mad canine, discovers her sensuality and its connection along with her spirituality whilst residing along with her dad and mom in Mexico. Her mother and father are pretending to be missionaries. Magdalena is acutely aware of her feelings and sensuality; however she is significantly crushed by using her father when he discovers her sexual hobby.

### **Conclusion**

As all the above points have demonstrated, Alice Walker is a great sized to African American ladies because of the fact of her strong ideals that she spread via her writing. The story of Alice Walker's youth scar provides the most primary metaphor of her novels: the concept that radical exchange is feasible even below the worst conditions.

Walker's vision became formed in element by way of a piece from the first flowering of black writing in the USA. Her novels are made up of almost same elements of poetry, portraiture, and drama, damaged up into a series of sections and subsections. Reflecting on the special point of view and flexibility of her literary career, with elements of ancestral delusion and spirituality, womanist perception, literary realism, and the gruesome, Walker's writing embodies a full-size cultural panorama of its own.

# Chapter Two



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## **Introduction**

This chapter deals with the Black American activist and writer; African American Literary theory provides a unique historic assessment of ways those thinkers have common literary idea, and literature at huge. Alice Walker has used the term to explain Black ladies who're deeply devoted to the wholeness and well-being of all of humanity, male and lady. In line with Walker, "womanist" unites ladies of coloration with the feminist motion at "the intersection of race, elegance, and gender oppression." also, The circle of relatives systems idea assumes that a family is understood superb through manner of examining the family as one complete machine. This one system is a complicated, deeply-related changing series of elements, subsystems and household individuals, the area each member has an recounted reason or function.

### **2.1 Feminism, feminist thinkers and activists**

Feminism identify as the advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the belief in the social , economic , and political equality of the sexes; the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities and the doctrine advocating social , political , and all other rights of women equal to men .It is an interdisciplinary method to issues of equality based totally on gender, gender expression, gender identification, sex, and sexuality as understood through social theories and political activism. Traditionally, feminism has evolved from the vital examination of inequality between the sexes to a more nuanced attention on the social and per formative structures of gender and sexuality.

Alice Walker as radical feminist offered issues related to gender feminism through

articulation of Protagonists highlighting the racial and gender inequality. The feminist epistemology idea is carried out, which believes that knowledge claims are crafted from nowhere and are universally valid. African women took surface know-how American society and gained superior knowledge of human potential. Alice Walker's numerous protagonists Meridian, Celie, Lissie and Tashi characterize the situated knower's theory. They articulated their sufferings and reaching their very own world of peace through changing the financial, political and moral status with love round them. Alice Walker deals with woman focus through diverse thematic motifs. The motifs are regeneration of self, exploration of ethics by maintaining African subculture and ultimate motif to elevate voice against sexual politics. Walker thru her decided on novels attempted to record the agony, ache and inferiority that black women have been subjected. In the long run of decided on novels for have a look at those protagonists explores their adventure of loneliness, oppression, guilt and self-doubt closer to self-acceptance, empowerment and love. Alice Walker as a located knower recommended for same rights and believes as freedom, training and responsibility tent to expand a female right into a noble female. Software of feminist epistemology concept justifies Walker's optimism that the sport isn't misplaced as long as one plays it with the belief that it can be won. Feminist epistemology examines the principle of understanding from three dimensional views of Feminist Standpoint theory, Feminist Post-modernism and Feminist Empiricism Located knower claims what is known, and the manner its miles recognised reflects the scenario of attitude of the knower in line with standpoint role of challenge and circumstances of society; Feminist post-modernism talks of instability of social identification of women. Feminist Empiricism combines observation of feminism through evidences provided by means of theories. Alice Walker being radical feminist provided the problems associated with Gender Feminism and via articulation of protagonists highlighting the racial discrimination and gender inequality.

Alice Walker has emerged as a robust and unbiased women writer. She makes use of her novel as vehicles to familiarize her readers with the actual struggles women face in the society. Alice Walker's protagonists react bodily, intelligently and emotionally to an expansion of situations. As a situated Alice Walker's turf offers with woman consciousness especially black lady situations distilled in some of familiar thematic motifs. In *Meridian*, Alice Walker depicts the plight and challenges confronted by way of *Meridian* and underscore her function as it located. She

understood the motherhood idea when she herself became a mother. *"She was only seventeen, a drop out from high school, a deserted wife, a mother, a daughter-in-law."* (Meridian 75-76).

Another aspect of situated Knower is found in *The Color Purple* Depict with politics of sex and politics of class and race speaks that people regularly constitute objects relation to their feelings, attitudes and pursuits. Gender is what societies make of sexual variations: the distinct roles, norms, and meanings they assign to ladies and men and the things related to them on account of their actual or imagined sexual traits. Gender for that reason has several dimensions... (Haslanger, 2000).

*The Temple of my Familiar*, yet another novel of Alice Walker attitude on race, feminism, loves and marriage is epistemologically represented. A main character Lissie as it located, has opened up substantially means of freedom and the troubles of female in present day era. Consistent with Acharya, women as a situated once enjoyed a right vicinity in the social order however men grew jealous of woman with passage of time. Alice Walker's novel means that as a situate ladies combat for his or her rights and regain their due area in society.

The high-quality of a woman as defined by using Earliest Acharya:

*A woman should be like a slave while working/serving, a minister when counselling/advising. Goddess Laxmi in her looks/personality: the earth in forbearance/endurance, a mother while feeding, Rambha the celestial prostitute in bed (Cited in Alladi, p2-3)*

Walker is an outstanding female; her activism spans issues such as race, gender, and sophistication and her contributions to society are many and varied. Generally, Feminist principle now objectives to interrogate inequalities and inequities along the intersectional lines of capacity, elegance, gender, race, sex, and sexuality, and feminists searching for to effect alternate in areas in which these intersectional ties create electricity inequity. In other side there is a part of woman that have different thinking about feminism theory in cultural critic goes against nature and god , they think feminism is a branch of angry and just being anti-male. Bell Hooks give the simple definition that they will understand the real meaning of feminism, *"I have wanted them to have an answer to the question what is feminism? Feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression"*. (Hooks, p8)

Feminist political activists marketing campaign in areas consisting of reproductive rights, home violence, fairness, social justice, and place of business issues which

includes family medical depart identical pay, and sexual harassment and discrimination. Whenever stereotyping, objectification, infringements of human rights, or intersectional oppression occurs, it is a feminist problem took a course in three different waves: political, ends in 1920 when women got the vote, cultural and political, 1960s feminist movement and in 1980-90 international movement. Only some women become feminists, a few grow to be activists. The global feminisms project is a rich source of material about how forty-two women in specific times and locations did both. Feminist activists fight towards gender pay gaps, gender segregated hard work markets, sexual attack, home violence in addition to for access to birth control and free abortion. Feminism in the America had a number of prominent activists during the mid- to late-nineteenth century. Exceptional mainstream activists blanketed Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony. Much less mainstream but similarly vital views got here from Sojourner truth, a formerly enslaved Black woman, and Emma Goldman, the country's main anarchist at some stage in the overdue nineteenth century. Feminist activist's percentage some private or situational origins, these ladies had been encouraged by way of unique historical and cultural context; and their cutting-edge work emphasizes specific social issues. Across the differences, they examine the process of political socialization in those women's lives, and reflect on what made it viable for those specific women to resist social structures wherein they have been also deeply embedded.

## **2.2 Womanism, consciousness and spirit womanist**

As part of Alice Walker work on different feminism problems, she coined the time period 'Womanism' in 1983 which meant to unite women of colour and the feminist movement on the intersection of race, class, and gender oppression. Womanism then have become a brand of feminism that blanketed the advocacy for women of shade and centred Black voices, covered the precise issues facing ladies of shade, and opposed the white-targeted 2nd -wave feminism of the day. Walker very much set the rules for Kimberly Crenshaw and her coining the time period 'intersectionality' in 1987.

Walker addresses the racist and classist aspects of white feminism and actively opposes separatist ideologies; it includes the word 'men', recognizing that black men

are an integral part of black women's lives as their children, lovers, and family members. It accounts for the ways in which black women support and empower black men and serves as a tool for understanding the black woman's relationship to men as different from the white woman's due to shared history of racial oppression. Womanism used as a means for analyzing black women's literature, as it marks the place where race, class, and sexuality intersect.

"Womanist is to feminist as purple is to lavender" (Alice Walker), Womanism is a feminist term coined by Alice Walker; it is a reaction to the realization that feminism does not fully encompass the perspectives of black women.

*"Alice Walker's Womanist is "one who values the soul and the well-being of the black community," not just Black women. She is "committed to the survival and wholeness of her entire people, she loves the spirit, the Folk, women, and herself" (Aldridge, 2003, p. 192)*

Consequently, the term "womanist" expresses African-American feminist consciousness even as being basically culturally and community oriented. The term womanist consciously connotes an inclusiveness of race, social magnificence, and sexuality. It appreciates and embodies Black women's way of life and the community of women while opposing a separatist gendered ideology which could situate Black women in opposition to Black men.

Walker's novel *The Temple of My Familiar* 1989 is a womanist treatise setting forth the importance of womanist consciousness and womanist spirit. The novel is a tribute to the power, staying power and power of black womanhood. The novel revolves around three pairs of characters and their lives to showcase the lives of African individuals and colored populace in the US. The three couples namely Suwelo and Fanny, Arveyda and Carlotta, Lissie and Hal showcased within the novel, belong to different age businesses and one of a kind, mixed ethnicities. Through them, Walker depicts the lives of marginalized populace in the United States, and the umpteen trials they face for being who they're. Moreover, this paper showcases how Womanism as an idea can surely live up to the existence of the black network, in particular black women whilst put into practice.

Walker via the novel talks about the need of triumph over conformities of

the type above and emerge as a success people. Womanist recognition is the keynote element of the unconventional. Women are searching for deliverance from their troubles through womanist recognition. Furthermore, Walker's novel:

*"The Temple of My Familiar is a novel about love, in all its forms; love for spirits and spirituality, love for the land and plants, love for all people regardless of colour, sexual preference and age – and love for all living things. It is about compassion for the oppressed, the grief of the oppressors, acceptance of the unchangeable and hope for everyone and everything" (Martz, p 413-414)."*

Womanist is a woman who loves women and appreciates women's culture and power as something that is incorporated into the world as a whole. Women's recognition and acceptance of the culturally defined gender role they are expected to fulfil.

Womanist consciousness focus on approximately the plight of being a black woman in a racist, sexist and classist global. The time period inscribes in itself, the belief of being a black female in America with an consciousness of the beyond, past, present and future. Womanist perspective is also worried with enriching the female gender via consciousness, whilst giving a human touch to the conflict for the appreciation, emancipation, elevation and self-fulfilment of women in totality, in all feasible, high-quality ways.

African American women have faced sexist oppression in addition to racist oppression while in comparison to their male opposite numbers. The intersection of racist, sexist and classist oppression has forced African American woman to stand complicated social and psychological actualities which no other marginalized category of women has ever faced. African American women are compelled to play a complementary and unequal role in their households and society. Moreover, it can be inferred that womanism advocates egalitarianism beginning with gender and intending over to race, ethnicity and class, with a normal outlook. Womanism offers a fantastic self-definition within ancient, chronological, geographical, ethnic, and cultural contexts too. Womanist perspective is also involved with enriching the female gender through attention growing, at

the same time as giving a human contact to the battle for the appreciation, emancipation, elevation and self-fulfilment of women in totality in all viable, superb approaches. It addresses the racial-ethnic, magnificence and gender identities of marginalized women.

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### **1.5 The family in social context:**

The family is a component in the duplicate of social inequality, due to the fact extraordinary types of households have distinctive aid capabilities. The own family is the primary unit for socializing youngsters; no society is feasible without good enough socialization of its young. In most societies, the own family is the most important unit in which socialization occurs, Parents and siblings ; if the family is extended as opposed to nuclear, different family all assist to socialize youngsters from the time they're born. It is ideally a chief source of sensible and emotional help for its individuals. It affords them food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities, and it also offers them love, comfort, assist in times of emotional misery, and other styles of intangible guide that we all need. Family enables adjust sexual pastime and sexual replica. All societies have norms governing with whom and how regularly someone must have sex. It is the foremost unit for coaching these norms and the major unit through which sexual reproduction takes place. One purpose for this is to make certain that infants have adequate emotional and practical care whilst they're born. The incest taboo that most societies have, which prohibits intercourse between sure family, facilitates to minimize struggle within the circle of relatives if sex passed off among its members and to set up social ties amongst distinctive families and as a consequence among society as an entire. The circle of relatives offers its participants with a social identity. Youngsters are born into their parents' social magnificence, race and ethnicity, religion, and so forth. Adding, that the social identity



is essential for life probabilities. Some youngsters have benefits in the course of existence due to the social identity they acquire from their mother and father, while others face many boundaries due to the fact the social class or race and ethnicity into which they may be born is at the lowest of the social hierarchy.

In the social roles of a family, we find out that the own family ideally serves numerous functions for society. It socializes youngsters, affords practical and emotional help for its individuals, regulates sexual replica, and affords its individuals with a social identity. The interaction of family participants and intimate couples entails shared understandings in their situations. Wives and husbands have one of a kind sorts of community, and social elegance impacts the expectancies that spouses have of their marriages and of every different. Romantic love is the common basis for American marriages and dating relationships, however it is a great deal much less common in numerous different cutting edge countries. The circle of relatives contributes to social inequality by means of reinforcing financial inequality and by reinforcing patriarchy. The family also can be a supply of battle, consisting of bodily violence and emotional cruelty, for its very own participants.

## **1.6 Family function and dysfunction**

Low family socioeconomic position is a net of associated conditions low earnings, fabric deprivation, unmarried discern family structure, low academic level, minority ethnic organization membership, and immigrant status. In step with ecological idea, proximal contexts skilled by way of children, including own family, cloth sources, out of college stories, colleges, neighbourhoods, and peers, are mediators of poverty consequences. Developmental timing of exposure to poverty situations and the approaches by way of which effects occur fluctuate for cognitive and social domains of development. Know how contexts combine and interact is as essential as understanding their unbiased affects. Results can be cumulative; however benefits in a single context also can ameliorate hazards in others. Although research is generally based on unidirectional causal fashions, the members of the family between the growing child and the contexts he or she studies are reciprocal and transactional. The family plays several critical functions for society. It socializes kids, it affords emotional and sensible aid for its contributors, it allows modify sexual activity and sexual reproduction, and it presents its members with a social identity. In addition,

surprising or a long way achieving modifications within the family's shape or tactics threaten its stability and weaken society. Recall that the practical attitude emphasizes that social establishments perform several crucial capabilities to help preserve social balance and otherwise hold a society operating. A useful knowledge of the families consequently stresses the methods in which the own family as a social institution enables make society possible. As such, the family plays several essential capabilities.

The family's features, the purposeful perspective at the own family maintains that sudden or far attaining changes in conventional own family structure and tactics threaten the own family's balance and for that reason of society. As an instance, maximum sociology and marriage and family textbooks in the course of the Nineteen Fifties maintained that the male breadwinner lady homemaker nuclear family was the exceptional arrangement for children, because it provided for a family's economic and infant rearing needs. Any shift on this arrangement, they warned, might damage youngsters and by way of extension the family as a social organization and even society itself. Textbooks no longer contain this caution, but many conservative observers keep fear approximately the impact on youngsters of working moms and one discerning families. Reflecting conflict theory's emphases, the family may also produce several problems. In particular, it may contribute for several reasons to social inequality, and it may subject its members to violence, arguments, and other forms of conflict. Struggle theorists agree that the family serves the vital functions just listed, but additionally they point to problems within the families that the practical perspective minimizes or overlooks altogether. The own family as a social organization contributes to social inequality in numerous methods. The social identification it offers to its kids does have an effect on their existence probabilities, but it also reinforces a society's device of stratification. Because households pass alongside their wealth to their children, and because families range significantly in the amount of wealth they have, family helps toughen current inequality. As it developed via the centuries, and in particular in the course of industrialization, the own family additionally have become increasingly more of a patriarchal unit, helping to ensure men's reputation on the pinnacle of the social hierarchy. The own family can also be a supply of struggle for its own members. Although the functional perspective assumes the family offers its members emotional consolation and guide,

many households do simply the other and are a ways from the harmonious, satisfied agencies depicted in the 1950s television suggests. As an alternative, and illustrated, they argue, shout, and use emotional cruelty and physical violence.

## **2.4 Sociological theories of family problems and the instrument of change**

The family is the basic unit in society it is one of the maximum important components in Sociology. As a sub-field of the discipline, Sociology of the family looks into the own family as major social organization, and a unit of socialization from a wide-array of sociological perspectives. There are some of focuses in studying circle of relatives together with specializing in the demographic composition of households, and how this composition has changed over the years. Likewise, it additionally determines how special sociological factors inclusive of social elegance influence family, and how the basic unit would possibly increase or decrease the social mobility of its participants. In essence, sociologists tackle one-of-a-kind theoretical perspectives to understand the nature of a family as a social group a sociology opinions the social organization of the own family through many lenses. There are three dominant theoretical premises. Those are functionalism, battle concept, and symbolic interactions. Those theories have various perspectives and methods for understanding the circle of relatives as a social group.

Sociology of the own family is a subfield of sociology wherein researchers take a look at the own family as one of several key social institutions and units of socialization. The sociology of the family is not unusual thing of introductory and pre-college instructional curricula because the subject makes for an acquainted and illustrative example of patterned social family members and dynamics. Sociological theories are the middle and underlying power of the area. They manual researchers of their studies; in addition they guide practitioners in their intervention strategies. And they may offer you with a primary expertise of how to see the larger social picture in your own private lifestyles. A concept is a fixed of interrelated standards used to describe, give an explanation for expecting how society and its components are related to each other.

Sociological perspectives consist of Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, put up and past due modernism and the private existence attitude, usually the first three all consciousness on the nuclear own family on the subject of social shape, while the

final three attention on how families have become extra various with social modifications. In other hand the sociological theories include: First, The Social Functions of the Family, Remember that the purposeful angle emphasizes that social institutions perform several important features to assist preserve social balance and other wise keep a society operating. A practical information of the own family for this reason stresses the approaches in which the own family as a social group allows make society feasible. As such, the family performs numerous important functions. The family is the number of one unit for socializing children. As preceding chapters indicated, no society is viable without good enough socialization of its younger. In maximum societies, the circle of relatives is the predominant unit wherein socialization takes place. Mother and father siblings if the own family is prolonged in preference to nuclear, other family all assist socialize children from the time they're born. The family is ideally a prime supply of sensible and emotional support for its contributors and allows modify sexual interest and sexual duplicate. The own family provides its members with a social identity, past discussing the family's capabilities, the useful angle on the circle of relatives keeps that sudden or a long way attaining changes in conventional own family shape and processes threaten the family's balance and accordingly that of society. As an instance, maximum sociology, marriage and family textbooks in the course of the Fifties maintained that the male breadwinner woman homemaker nuclear own family became the high quality arrangement for youngsters, as it furnished for a family's financial and child rearing desires. Any shift on this arrangement, they warned, would damage children and by means of extension the own family as a social group or even society itself. Textbooks no longer comprise this warning, but many conservative observers maintain to worry approximately the effect on children of running mothers and one parent families.

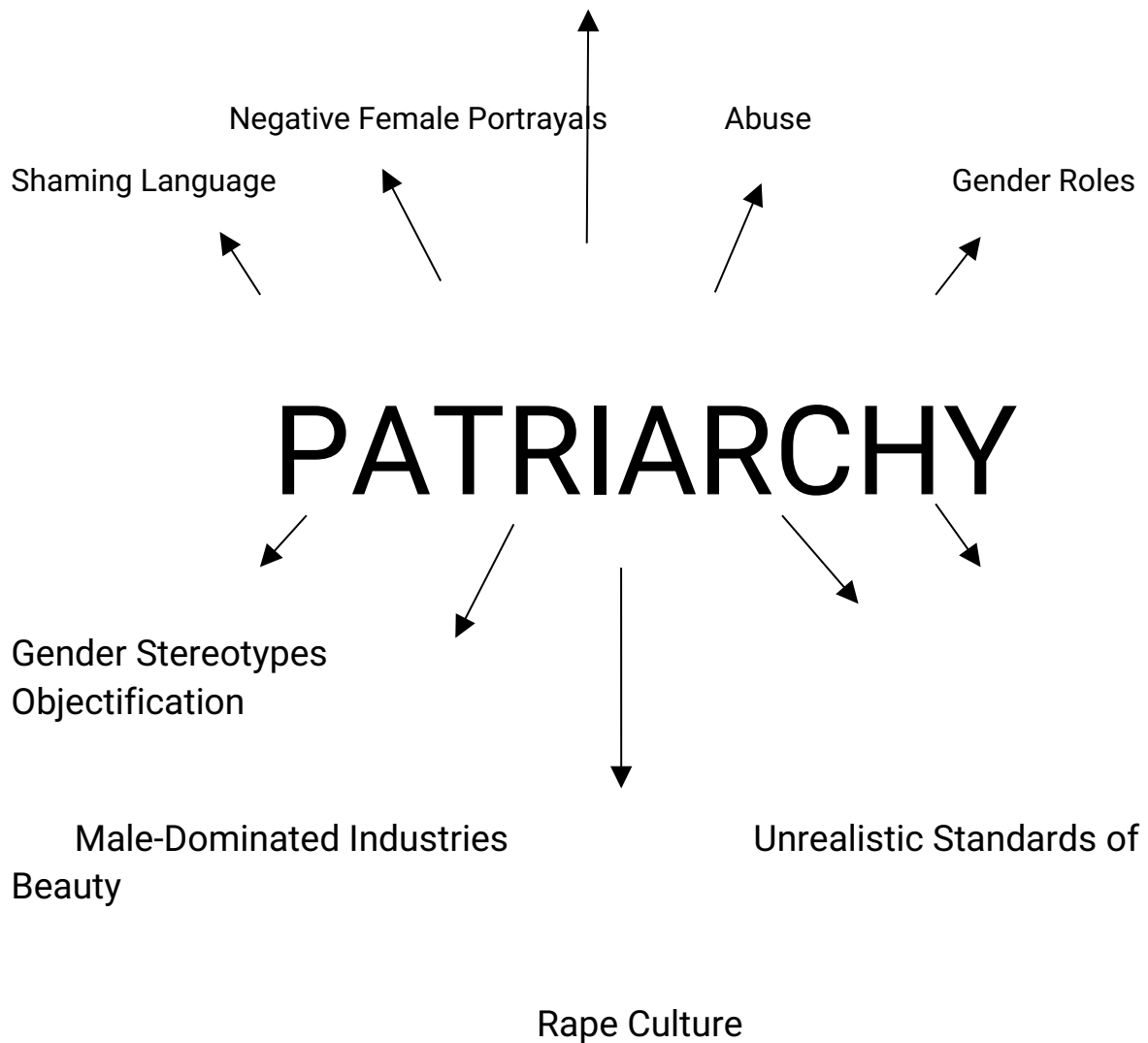
The Family and Conflict is Battle theorists agree that the own family serves the critical capabilities just indexed, however additionally they point to issues within the circle of relatives that the functional perspective minimizes or overlooks altogether. The own family as a social group contributes to social inequality in several approaches. The social identity it gives to its youngsters does have an effect on their existence possibilities, but it additionally reinforces a society's system of stratification because families bypass alongside their wealth to their youngsters, and because families vary substantially in the amount of wealth they have, the family

helps enhance current inequality. As it evolved via the centuries, especially for the duration of industrialization, the own family additionally have become increasingly more of a patriarchal unit, assisting to make sure men's fame on the top of the social hierarchy. The own family also can be a source of conflict for its personal participants. Despite the fact that the purposeful angle assumes the own family gives its participants emotional comfort and support, many families do simply the other and they are a long way from the harmonious, satisfied agencies depicted within the TV shows. Rather, and as the news tale that started out this chapter tragically illustrated, they argue, shout, and use emotional cruelty and bodily violence. We go back to own family violence.

A classic study by using located that other halves in collar marriages liked to talk with their husbands about troubles they had been having, even as husbands tended to be quiet while problems took place. Such gender differences seem less not unusual in canter elegance families, where men are higher knowledgeable and greater emotionally expressive than their operating class opposite numbers. Another traditional study by means of (Lillian Rubin, 1976) found that other halves and centre magnificence families say that perfect husbands are ones who speak nicely and proportion their emotions, whilst other halves in operating magnificence families are more apt to mention that perfect husbands are ones who do not drink too much and who go to work each day. The position performed through romantic love in courtship and marriage. Romantic love, the feeling of deep emotional and sexual passion for a person, is the idea for many American marriages and courting relationships, but it's far actually uncommon in lots of components of the modern international today and in many of the societies anthropologists and historians have studied. In those societies, marriages are arranged by means of parents and different family members for economic reasons or to build alliances, and younger humans are genuinely expected to marry whoever is selected for them. This is the situation today in elements of India, Pakistan, and other developing nations and became the norm for a lot of the Western global till the overdue 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries (Lystra, 1989).

## **2.5 Patriarchal society system: functionalism changing conditions and perceptions of the family**

Unequal Pay



Patriarchal (adj.): describes a popular structure in which men have power over women.

Society (n.): is the entirety of members of the family of a network. A Patriarchal society consists of a male-ruled strength shape in the course of prepared society and in person relationships.

The concept of patriarchy has been central to many feminist; the enemy of feminism is not men, its patriarchy and patriarchy is not men. It is a system, and women can support the system of patriarchy just as men can support the fight for gender equality according to Justine Musk. A patriarchy, from the ancient Greek patriarchies, was a society where power was held by and passed down through the elder males, While contemporary historians and sociologists describe "patriarchal

society," they suggest that men preserve the positions of strength: head of the family unit, leaders of social corporations, boss within the place of business and heads of government. Patriarchy refers back to the male domination each in public and personal Spheres. Feminists mainly use the term 'patriarchy' to describe the energy dating between women and men. Accordingly, patriarchy is more than a term; feminists use it like a concept, and prefer all other standards it is a tool to assist us understand women realities.

Subordination of women to men is popular in huge parts of the sector. We encounter reviews wherein women aren't simplest handled as subordinate to men however are difficulty to discrimination's, humiliations, exploitations , oppressions, control and violence. women experience discrimination and unequal treatment in terms of fundamental proper to food ,health care, education, employment, control over effective sources, choice-making and livelihood no longer due to their biological differences or sex, which is herbal because of their gender variations that's a social construct. Gender based discriminations and exploitations are big and the socio-culturally defined characteristics, aptitudes, talents, dreams, personality tendencies, roles, obligations and behavioral patterns of men and women make contributions to the inequalities and hierarchies in society. Gender differences are manmade and that they get legitimized in a patriarchal society.

Patriarchal societies propagate the ideology of motherhood which restrict women mobility and burdens them with the duties to nurture and rear children. The organic aspect to endure kids is connected to the social function of women duties of motherhood: nurturing, instructing and raising youngsters by using devoting themselves to own family.

*"Patriarchal ideas blur the distinction between sex and gender and assume that all socio-economic and political distinctions between men and women are rooted in biology or anatomy" (Heywood, 2003.nd).*

Gender like social elegance, caste, race or faith is an extensive social cleavage and its miles vital to analyze it to recognize social inequalities, oppressions and unequal courting between men and women. Structures of Patriarchy primary training of patriarchy are learnt within the family wherein the head of the own family is a person/ father. Men are taken into consideration the pinnacle of the family and controls

ladies' sexuality, labor or manufacturing, reproduction and mobility. In a patriarchal family the birth of male infant is preferred to that of a girl. The previous is considered because the inheritor of the family at the same time as the later is taken into consideration as Paraya Dhan. "The Indian joint family is the «patriarchal family» and it was constituted by a group of persons related in the male line and subject to absolute power of the senior most male member" (Uberoi,2005. Nd). In line with Gerda Lerner, "own family plays an essential role in creating a hierarchical machine as it now not handiest mirrors the order within the state and educates its youngsters also creates and continuously reinforces that order" (Lerner,1986. nd; and Bhasin,1993. nd). Own family is therefore important for socializing the following era in patriarchal values. The boys discover ways to be dominating and aggressive and girls learn how to be being concerned, loving and submissive. These stereotypes of masculinity and femininity are now not best social constructs; however additionally had been internalized by both men and women. Even as the stress to earn and appearance after the family is more on the person, the girls are alleged to do the menial jobs and take care in their youngsters and even different individuals of the family it is because of those gender stereotypes that girls are at a disadvantage and are vulnerable to violence And other sorts of discriminations and injustices. Systemic deprivation and violence against girls: rape, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, infanticide, killing, dowry deaths, wife-beating, high degree of lady illiteracy, malnutrition, undernourishment and endured sense of lack of confidence keeps women certain to domestic, economically exploited, socially suppressed and politically passive (ibid.p.13).

Patriarchal constructions of social practices are legitimized through faith and religious group as maximum non secular practices regard male authority as superior and the legal guidelines and norms regarding family, marriage, divorce and inheritance are related to patriarchal control over belongings biased against women. A person's felony identity in regards to marriage, divorce and inheritance are decided by using his or her religion, which laid down duties for males and females and their dating. Maximum religions endorse patriarchal values and all main religions had been interpreted and controlled by using men of upper caste and sophistication. The imposition of Parada, restrictions on leaving the home space, separation among public and private are all gender precise and men are not concern to similar constraints. For



that reason the mobility of women is managed. They don't have any right to decide whether or not they need to be mothers, when they want to be, the number of kids they need to have, whether they can use contraception or terminate a being pregnant and so on and so forth (Bhasin, p.6). Male dominated establishments like church and kingdom also lay down rules regarding girls' reproductive ability. Evaluating functionalist views of the functions of families and households a standard criticism of functionalist views of the role of the family comes from conflict theorists like Marxists and feminists who argue that this paints too rosy and idealistic a picture of family life. Families are certainly not like that for everyone. Many people have negative experiences of family life, and indeed they can cause stress as well as relieve it. Conflict theorists also question whether the roles families perform really benefit the whole of society or really just benefit powerful groups within it. In particular, feminists argue that families exist largely for the benefit of men. The Marxist-feminist Fran Ansley offers a different perspective on Parsons' warm bath theory when she describes women in the family as takers of shit. By this she means that men coming home from work may have their stress relieved by the family, but only by dumping it on their wives. Furthermore, these theories are outdated and suggest families are all traditional nuclear families with men going to work and women in domestic roles.

Furthermore, the study analytic of the novel "Tar Baby" from patriarchal perspective finds out that all males are patriarchal; nor American neither European or African, because they are in power over female even though European lesser than American because she lived, worked, and studied there. She knew the whole thing about them in phrases of civilization, schooling and so on. The function of female and gender is very apparent by using most of female character. She is a woman and can't manage herself due to the fact of her social position. Patriarchy device between black and white, male and female Concentrated on reason behind the character's problem of identity in the novel, have proven the reality that gender identification has a relation with the race's differences (Nefnouf & Messaoudi, 2017, p.33).

## **Conclusion**

In summary, the results of the experiment supported our hypothesis as an ideology, feminism seeks to spotlight the disastrous affect of patriarchy upon women's lives.

Feminists, such as Ann Oakley, agree with Marxists and functionalists that the household is in reality a conservative organization that preserves the social order. They disagree with functionalists and agree with Marxists that in doing so it advantages solely an effective crew inside society. the state of affairs of blacks and in unique black ladies in deprived role from two sides; of being black in racist society and being woman in patriarchy society.

# Chapter Three

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## Introduction

This chapter aims at studying and analyzing Alice Walker's *The Temple of My Familiar*. First, it examines the character situation in the novel to provide an explanation for the own family in detail structure of capability, normally for purposes of clarification and interpretation of behaviorism and activism of relationship among family members. Next, goes to cognizance inside the dating among the father, the mother and the daughter. Finally, this evaluation is based totally on the motive and effect of feature and disorder in moves, thoughts and behaviors of the major characters as family unit.

### **3.1 Character's situation within family member in *The Temple of My Familiar* novel**

*The Temple of My Familiar* incorporates extra characters than all of Walker's other novels combined, which include several that reappear from *The Colour Purple* (1982). Drawn from diverse continents, the number and variety of these characters are appropriate to the subject matter of the connectedness of everyone. The idea of the harmony of every person is further strengthened by means of having the imperative characters, which stay continents apart bodily and mentally, move paths and expand intimate relationships in the course of the route of the novel. Alice Walker is apparently one of the most well known, yet most hard put up modern authors to examine, and *The Temple of My Familiar* makes both of these reputations known. The novel suggests life as inside the records of man in this global throughout time, there is absolute confidence that the result of this feat could be difficult to read. Walker's novel travels in a non-linear manner through time, overlaying South America, North America, Africa, and England, amongst others. With such an encompassing awareness on "human" history, Walker could attention neither on one time period or one individual. Walker achieves this by use of an exceptional ordering precept than we typically use to understand time, beyond lives. She takes first rate liberties with

the presentation of the beyond and human origins, telling a matriarchal creation story wherein the men strive emulate the ideal artwork form of women childbirth and pregnancy. Walker also offers an arboreal beyond that is likely an evolutionary history, and the most utopias of all the worlds in the novel. With those memories and multi faceted characters, Walker communicates that in every other man or woman, there's a piece of us and our histories that is from inside one character, our whole past exists. She communicates the Jungian philosophy of the collective unconscious being related lower back thru time and subculture in large approaches. It is with this that one of the characters.

The narrator publications the reader thru many characters or even extra instances and places and masses of themes and social questions. We have Arveyda is a musician who desires to find out and explore his beyond. Carlotta is his spouse who lives in exile. Suwelo is a colored man who's also a professor of american history; he realizes that guys of his era have failed the girls in his society. Fanny is Suwelo's former wife who has in no way met her father till now. Those are only a few of the very precise characters who all have very complicated histories. The Temple of My familiar is definitely a history of ways humans have changed. With the converting truths and mysteries in society as time passes, this novel also lines the evils that maintain thru records in addition to the wonders that turn out to be legends and it follows the intertwining stories of numerous person as they every struggle to come back to phrases with circle of relatives oppression and find their identification. Subsequent, she has portrayed the difference among the statistics of nature and ladies with the resource of women and men. This story; has multiple concern topics. It deals with racism, sexism, violence, lady oppression and nature's importance. The unconventional consists of three pairs of fanatics which consist of couples who need to reconcile their relationships. Suwelo and Fanny, and Arveyda and Carlotta have contradictory critiques of their relationships. Mr. Hal and pass over. Lissie are inseparable for many years but not married. Zede is a few different essential woman who unlocks the truth of the past in revealing it to her son in law, Arveyda. The radical includes a large quantity of voices that narrate the interconnectedness between the historical and the winning situations of the human beings and atmosphere. The tales of the beyond incarnations of Lissie and the past memories of Zede unfold the depth of human individual, information, myths, legends to find truth and splendour. The past is recollected via reminiscence. For this reason the vital woman characters

apprehend the fee of nature and their lady fine and productiveness. The male characters Suwelo, Hal, and Arveyda are a lot more involved with their patriarchal domination, even though, Arveyda isn't always like the others and observes the suppression of African girls and their environment thru the testimonies informed with the useful resource of Zede. He's stimulated with the resource of the memories of Zede and he has a bootleg courting with her. Noel Sturgeon says in his essay, "the character of Race: Discourses and Racial distinction in Eco-feminism".

The story features multiple characters and examines the African-American experience from multiple perspectives, with a focus on women's experiences. Walker uses a variety of omniscient narrators to convey her vision of African culture, its insidious influence on American culture, and sexual politics within the black community. Zedé is a young girl from a poor family, but her life is so peaceful that she doesn't realize that she is living in poverty. Like her mother, she was a gifted seamstress and smart, so she won a scholarship to become a teacher. Soon after, she was arrested as a member of the Communist Party and put in prison, where she gave birth to her daughter Carlotta. Zedé and Carlotta flee to America, and Zedé starts making costumes to send Carlotta to college. Carlotta provides a beautiful cape to a rock star named Arveyda, and they begin a romantic relationship. Carlotta now considers herself American, a very different culture from her mother's. (T of M F, 1989, p7-14)

Arveyda is a second generation immigrant looking for a connection to his past. He lost his mother at an early age. Arveyda told Carlotta about his experience growing up black in Indiana, and they married and had children. He later falls in love with his mother-in-law, who rekindles his passion. He also found a new "spiritual mother" in Snug, as he called her. While Arveyda and Zedé are having an affair, Carlotta flees to South America with the children.(T of M F,1989, p15-18) The focus shifts to American history professor Suwelo, who reflects on how black men often let black women down while reading horror fiction. Suwelo, who lost his parents in a car accident, finds support in surrogate parents; Lissie and Hal, who help him realign his values.(T of M F,1989, p19-26) Mr. Hal told him about Lissie, whom he had known as a child and who had been with her since. Suwelo divorced Fanny because his masculinity was harmful to her. He inherited a house from his uncle and is confused by the "Lissie" scrawled in his uncle's book. Lissie was described as a reckless child who lied just to see the effect. When Suwelo finally meets Lissie, it

turns out that she is not just a person, but a soul who has lived many lifetimes and is reborn every time she dies. (T of MF, 1989, p30-38). It revealed that Zedé and Carlotta were rescued from prison by a white woman, Mary Jane. In Africa, Mary Jane meets the father of Suwelo's ex-wife, Fanny, and the two begin an affair. Fanny is the granddaughter of Shug and Celie, two characters who appeared in *The Color Purple*. Fanny is faced with two unacceptable roles, either as a victim of racism and sexism or as a possible perpetrator of retaliatory violence. Like many characters in the novel, she longs for a new role. She returned to Africa to consult her father. She seeks her mother's advice and forms an alliance with her sister. She also tried reading lesser-known authors, joining awareness groups, and receiving therapy. Suwelo's ex-wife, Fanny, engages in therapy and a women's consciousness-raising institution in an attempt to deal with Suwelo's unfaithfulness with, it turns out, Carlotta (T of MF, 1989, p59-63). Carlotta reconciles along with her mom, and in an act that demonstrates that she has stopped competing with girls for the attentions of fellows, she befriends Fanny. It's far Fanny who, via her massage classes, puts Carlotta in touch together with her frame, which she has become alienated from in her force to attract men. Fanny is turning into unfastened, learning approximately her very own sexuality and accumulating thoughts about existence that are thrilling and strange. In a sauna she meets Arveyda and has intercourse with him, which she reveals very freeing, whilst Suwelo and Carlotta come to be intimate in a warm tub. These stories, blended with what Suwelo learns from Lissie, slowly makes him realize that what he thought of as freedom or amusement is simply empty, and he is going returned to Fanny. They reconcile on extra equal terms, buying a residence where each has their own wing in which to pursue their actual selves. Witness Suwelo, Carlotta and Fanny, college literature instructors who're spiritually lost. (T of MF, 1989).

Part 2 is the exposition and depicts other character that constitutes that care philosophy of *The Temple of My Familiar*, including characters from *The Color Purple*: Olivia, Celie's daughter and Fanny's mother; Ola, Fanny's stepfather and Olivia's late husband. Part 3, the development expands the story of Zedé's escape from South America with the infant Carlotta and Mary Ann Haverstock. Modulation takes place. In part 4, Suwelo's tempo is adjusted by his conversations with Lissie and Hal. Part 5, the recapitulation sets forth in no uncertain terms what the text's



care message has presented from the beginning, the unity of all things, the recap is contained "The Gospel According To Shug". The coda, part 6 not only concludes but gives the further development of the characters. Finally, Walker's acknowledgment "It is a pleasure to have always been present «might indicate that she is her own narrative device, she is Lissie and so are we all. (Warren, 2019, p109)

In Walker's novels, a new identification cannot be achieved without assist. There aren't any lone heroes. Those who conflict up from oppression, people who are lost and discover themselves, prevail within a community of help. The first place to look for assist is the circle of relatives. Walker makes use of a loose-ranging narrative fashion to bring huge thoughts approximately the human situation, racism, and the ongoing evolution of humanity. Even though Lissie is the one explicit storyteller within the novel, all of the characters are, in an experience, storytellers; speak directly to the reader, who is located nearly as an eavesdropper. This layering also has a distancing impact; because the reader's information of the characters is restricted entirely to what they reveal no matter the omniscient element in their own point of view (the characters realize everything there are two of lifestyles past mere mortal lifetimes, as exhibited by means of Lissie.

### **3.2 Activism, behaviourism and physiological within family function and dysfunction**

Family based social activism, describe as the wide variety of activities undertaken with the aid of own family participants to raise attention and bring about coverage reform approximately a serious condition or tragic event that affects or affected a person of their family. These activities represent social activism because they're meant to foster social alternate. The activism is 'own family-primarily based' due to the fact of the social change propose that is a member of the family responding to the serious or stressful scenario that affects or affected a family member. Own family based totally activism isn't always addressed as a particular concern of look at within the sociology literature on families, social moves, social problems, or voluntary association membership. The primary aim is that own family primarily based on social activism into recognition and provide some empirical evidence. The second one purpose is to situate family activism within the sociology literature by using

drawing theoretical inspirations from social memory literature and suggesting avenues for theoretical development in views on households.

The 'behaviour issues' are having predominant impact on child's physical and social development. The family gives emotional support to a person in addition to performs a main function inside the formation of one's personality. The high-quality and nature of the parental nurturance that the child gets will profoundly impact his destiny improvement. The knowledge of those family factors associated with behaviour troubles may be helpful to discover at threat youngsters. The "conduct problems" are having a prime effect on the kid's physical and social improvement. It is miles the fundamental problem of frustration to mother and father. Figure child relationship gets disrupted and creates own family conflicts and disharmony. The family affords emotional assist to an individual as well as plays a primary function in the formation of one's personality. A condition of this would be the case of Mary Ann family that they leave her for a long period of time then they return to be aggressive in make her follow them in illegal work:

*"Mary Ann described them as people who had personally assassinated six rivers and massacred twelve lakes, because they manufactured a deadly substance that was always swimming away from them. In their own way they were glad she refused to learn how to rob and cheat and create deadly things.....they wanted her to be at least competent; not a scarred, drugged, disheveled mess, plotting assassinations and muttering into her blond locks that looked like sheep's wool"(Tof MF,1989, p42.)*

The nice and nature of the parental nurturance that the child receives will profoundly have an impact on his destiny improvement. But handiest few houses provide the right kind of surroundings to the growing child. Numerous research have proven that children with numerous varieties of psychiatric and behavioural troubles generally tend to return from houses or colleges which are disadvantaged in some respect .Although Bhalla and Singhal found the majority of the children from nuclear families attending pediatric out-patient department for their psychological and psychiatric problems and shown significant relationship with type of family. These findings were inconsistent with the present study results. The present study revealed a significant association between loss of parents and prevalence rate of behavior problems. Most of the research studies related to mental illness and psychological disturbances have

shown a significant correlation between loss of parent and psychopathology in children. (Bhalla *et al Indian Pediatrics*. 1986, pp 623)(Singhal PK, Bhatia MS, Dhar NK, Nigam, 1987; nd.)

The present study shows that family structure is changing more in favor of nuclear setup. Probably, may be because the majority of families are migrated from rural places to urban areas in search of work or for educational purposes. Hence the older persons in family remain at their homes in villages. All these factors contribute to the majority of nuclear families in slum areas. Probably other vulnerable factors present in these children in the present study may be masking the effect of type of family. Parents are first guide and teacher in the life of children. They fulfill their physical and emotional needs and also provide social and psychological support to their child. The presence of parents increases the secured awareness in the child which prevents them from being exposed to peer group pressure or influence of the outer world.( Jogdand SS, Naik J)

Child live begin as a clear paper then they take their feeling and experience from the family effects on their live:

*“For most people, as you know, remember nothing of other lifetime, and no matter how old they get them never remember any better. They honestly think that when they were born their brain was a clean slate. I’ve actually heard this said! That babies have no memories; that they are empty of knowledge and experience; that, in fact, there is no one there.....Of all period of one’s life, babyhood is the most pitiful and the most confusing. There you are, without anyone you know, surrounded by giants you may never have imagined exist....these people are the next lesson you will be required to learn.” (T of M F, 1989, p30)*

Father and mother want to be helped to take into account that ‘it is not enough to do matters to their kids; they must do matters with them’. Family based interventions which cognizance on improving communication inside the family had some fulfillment in treating conduct problems. In own family therapy, the number one intention is to exchange dysfunctional own family systems, clarify family roles and sell sincere and open conversation among family members. Properly fine day care could have advantageous psychosocial benefits, in particular in case of youngsters from bad or disordered homes. In one of Lissie tale of the family function in the family's concern lies in the care they fear for the child in the simplest possibilities

*" they lived and breathed as a family....If I hurt myself and cried with me, as if my pain was magically transposed to their bodies."*(T of MF, 1989, p45)

Parental mental contamination can be related to decreased family functioning, which is associated with greater conflicts, less adaptability and brotherly love in addition to a disorganized pattern of everyday planning. Simultaneously, family functioning is a crucial moderator for the effect of parental intellectual issues at the development of the child. Consequently, the correlation of family functioning in households is a mentally ill of the father and the mother and the psychological fitness of the children. Family systems theory is an approach to understanding human functioning that focuses on the interactions between people in a family and between the family and the environment in which the family resides. Family systems theory has been applied in a variety of areas, including psychotherapy in general and family therapy in particular; school systems; community issues; organizations; and healthcare systems.

In line with a family structures attitude, a man or woman's functioning is determined not a lot by means of intrapsychic factors as with the aid of someone's area within the devices wherein she or he unearths himself or herself, situation to the pushes and pulls of the device, such as competing emotional demands, position definitions and expectancies, boundary and hierarchy issues, coalitions and collusions, loyalty conflicts, family and institutional lifestyle and belief systems, double binds, projective identifications, and systemic tension. Further, self-correcting and self-reinforcing comments loops in a device can either facilitate or avoid pathology or health, breakdown or resilience. A radical know-how the family systems idea calls for an elucidation of the foundational contributions of structures idea itself. An example of this would be a person who has come into contact with someone who has cheated on him/her or their partner, then later has an intrusive thought that they too could cheat on their own partner as in the case of cheating that witnessed by the characters, and the father Suwelo end his marital relationship because he witnessed the birth of his daughter "But it all ended anyway, Suwelo. That part of life. Ended because our daughter Lulu was born.....I try to tell myself it had to end" (T of MF, 1989, p52). In other hand the social changes of the family situation after the death of the father or the mother, a change in the material condition that causes the disintegration of the family. Systems theory is a subject that knowledgeable and stimulated the founders of the family remedy field and upon which circle of relatives

systems principle is based in lots of crucial respects. Unluckily, as the sector of own family therapy has evolved, the critical contributions of systems idea to the theoretical foundations of the sphere have too frequently been omitted, undervalued, or simplest dimly understood. Additionally, within this social system framework a family consists of subsystems including parent-child, sibling, marital and co-parenting subsystems. Family members are seen as being interdependent, directly and indirectly influencing each other and other subsystems (example, a child may indirectly influence the husband-wife dyad by directly influencing the behaviour of either parent). Interactions between family members are also thought to be transactional (Kaczynski, 2003). Another important concept in family systems theory is the tendency for a family system to seek a balance between stability and change by controlling behaviours and family rules, with the inclination of the family system to maintain the status quo and resist change (Smith et al., 2009). Family cohesion is another important concept that refers to the degree of closeness or emotional bonding family members have for one another; and family flexibility refers to the ability of a family to adapt to new and or stressful situations (Olson, 2000).

### **3.3 Issues of sexuality and self awareness in the relationship between family members**

Sexuality refers to conduct and choices in terms of sexual behaviour. People specific it in lots of approaches. Humans experience confusion or misery about their sexuality or sexual identity. Human sexuality is complicated and private. It includes more than simply sexual activity. A person's own definitions of sexuality may additionally consist of: Feelings of attraction toward others, Intimacy with others, Emotions related to body image, Non-public values. Humans express and revel in sexuality in many approaches. A few methods people express their sexuality include: Mind, Fantasies, Behaviours, Roles-via a courting. Gender, orientation, and identification can have an impact on sexuality. But those are distinct ideas. Intercourse refers to the intercourse determined at start. Bodily anatomy determines intercourse at start. Gender refers to a person's know-how of being male, girl, non-binary, or other gender. Sexuality is likewise special from sexual orientation. Orientation refers back to the type of sexual attraction someone feels. Sexual

intimacy can be satisfying and fulfilling. But for some, sex does not bring pleasure. Sexual issues may come from negative feelings or trauma. These can prevent someone from taking part in sexual intimacy. Sex therapist Jill Denton explains, "Each of us possesses a unique model of sexuality, formed at least in part by incoming family messages, childhood abuse or neglect, culture, the media, and, of course, religious influences." These messages may disrupt healthy intimacy. As example character sexuality is about sexual feelings, thoughts, attraction and behaviours towards other people as Carlotta who works with her mother as a seamstress, and when she delivers a cape to Arveyda, a famous rock star, they fall in love. He tells her about life in Indiana as an ethnic Indian. They present love physically, sexually and emotionally attractive "Exercise is to the body what thinking is to the mind" said Arveyda gasping. Carlotta has children with Arveyda and they are married. (T of MF, 1989, p10-14)

Most people are attracted to the opposite sex – boys who like girls, and women who like men, these people are heterosexual, or 'straight'. Some people are attracted to the same sex. These people are homosexual. Some are experience same-sex attraction, most during puberty. In the novel we witnessed a state of affairs between two men character Heath and David "the two boys liked each other right away". They were a boyhood friends, seeing each other most of the time even that they were separate, they met after long period of time, and each one of them had chosen his way of life, but their feelings towards each other returned, and they tried repeatedly to be in a relationship despite the opinion of society:

*"whenever my father read about a lynching of black man by whites and that they'd cut off the man's privates and stuck them in his mouth in his mouth.....that he understood there was something of a sexual nature going on in any lynching".(T of MF,1989, p66-67)*

Sexuality is an important variable and is associated with a number of health care problems and disparities. An individual's sexuality can be identified in terms of sexual activity, sexual orientation, and/or sexual identity. Each of these methods of identifying sexuality may be independent of one another. It is possible that an individual's sexual activity may not accurately represent his or her sexual orientation or sexual identity. Thus, an examining of sexuality within a population must first select an approach for defining sexuality that is appropriate for the purpose of his or

her specific research. The researcher should also keep in mind that identifying an individual's sexuality is phenomenological and that each individual's sexuality, including activity, orientation, and identity, may evolve over a particular period of time. Although most people believe that they are self-aware, true self-awareness is a rare quality. Self-awareness seems to have been the right word for good reasons. Research suggests that when we see ourselves clearly, we are more confident and more creative. We make sounder decisions, build stronger relationships, and communicate more effectively. We're less likely to lie, cheat, and steal. Researchers have used varying definitions of self-awareness. For example, some see it as the ability to monitor our inner world, whereas others label it as a temporary state of self-consciousness. Still others describe it as the difference between how we see ourselves and how others see us. All of this brings us to conclude: Leaders who focus on building both internal and external self-awareness, who seek honest feedback from loving critics, and who ask *what* instead of *why* can learn to see themselves more clearly and reap the many rewards that increased self-knowledge delivers. And no matter how much progress we make, there's always more to learn. "That's one of the things that makes the journey to self-awareness exciting" (Tasha Eurich). Self awareness is your capability to understand and apprehend the matters that make you who you're as a character, including your personality, movements, values, ideals, emotions, and mind. Essentially, it is miles a mental kingdom wherein the self will become the focal point of interest. Even as self-focus is central to who you're, it isn't always something you are acutely targeted on at each moment of each day. Rather, self-awareness turns into woven into the material of who you're and emerges at exceptional points depending at the state of affairs and your personality. It is miles one of the first additives of the self-idea to emerge. Humans are not born completely self-aware. Yet proof indicates that infants do have a rudimentary experience of self-awareness. Self-awareness sounds simple, but it can actually be quite a challenge to cut through the noise of life and really listen to yourself and your needs. But even still, working towards self-awareness should be a priority. We'll cover some example here in being able to focus on something positive when in a negative situation as Zedé own situation being self aware for her family

*"She was someone who could not be rushed. This seems a small thing. But it is actually a very amazing quality, a very ancient*

*one. She did everything at just the same pace as before, she could tell the time of day or night by the moisture in the atmosphere, and she went about her business as if she would live forever, and forever was very, very long. That is the kind of major my mama was when you look at me you see her, but I have lost forever; therefore I sometimes hurry"*  
(T of MF, 1989, p28)

sexuality is a complex concept that can be measured based on various aspects. Depending on the variable of interest, investigators may wish to focus on sexual behavior (activity), sexual orientation (attraction to a particular gender), or sexual identity (self-identification

With a particular group of people). Further complicating the process is the fact that these aspects of sexuality is not always congruent with one another lesbian, gay, and bisexuals (LGB) are sexual minorities. Family existence can be a place of safe haven and safety however for some else it is miles a supply of pain and sadness. Our families soak up a few of the stresses and traces from the outside international and the pressures can boil over. Sometimes a personal hassle, mainly in a younger man or woman, can crush an own family and there appears to be no clean way forward. At different times changes in the family go away different participants stressed and angry or hurt. Most people would possibly say that family is love, or the personification of love, and that your family is the ones who're supposed to love you more than anybody inside the world "Love is whatever you can still betray. Betrayal can only happen if you love." (John Le Carre). Dealing with betrayal by means of family could be very difficult. While family betrays you, it may feel like a person has actually stabbed you. Relying on the severity, betrayal trauma is an actual component. Either manner around it, make the effort to escape and suppose before you respond in a rash way. In the course of literature, morals and making smart picks had been emphasized via destructed family relationships. One prominent function visible time and again in texts is betrayal. In spite of tragedy and the real nature of man being betraying; there additionally lies a lesson that the target market can examine from the wrong choices that the characters have made. For this reason, in Alice work the acts of betrayal destroy relationships within the family, and allow the audience to learn from the characters" mistakes. For instance, in the novel, betrayal is what causes families to



break apart. Additionally, it also leads to discredit. Simply put when Carlotta discovered that Arveyda has been having an affair with her mother “They’d slept together only once. Arvyda and Zedé, before Carlotta was told” (T of MF, 1989, p15). A heart broke “How do you tell someone you love that you are in love with her mother” (T of MF, 1989, p16). Carlotta leave, takes the children and returns to her mother's home country in South America to find her sense of self. Betrayal is the sense of being harmed with the aid of the intentional moves or omissions of a trusted individual. The maximum not unusual sorts of betrayal are dangerous disclosures of personal facts, disloyalty, infidelity, dishonesty. They can be worrying and motive tremendous misery. The outcomes of betrayal consist of surprise, loss and grief, morbid pre-profession, broken shallowness, self-doubting, anger. Not on occasion they produce existence-altering adjustments. It is a sense of being harmed by the intentional actions, or omissions, of a person who was assumed to be a trusted and loyal friend, relative, partner, colleague or companion. Many betrayals are unexpected events that come as a surprising shock; not infrequently, the betrayal is disbelieved at first. The effects of a betrayal tend to be long-lasting, even permanent, and are well-remembered also can purpose mental contamination and the betrayer normally turns into a source of infection. In a chain of experiments it become demonstrated that feelings of mental contamination may be aroused by using imagining unacceptable non-consensual acts. The importance of the intellectual infection changed into boosted through the introduction of betrayal topics. Emotions of mental contamination can also be aroused in some ‘perpetrators’ of non-consensual acts related to betrayal. The psychological significance of acts of betrayal is discussed. (S. Rachman, Betrayal, 2010, p 304-311,). In truth, most of the people, sooner or later in their existence, feels betrayed by means of family, pals, or a commercial enterprise courting. While family betrays you, it may experience mainly painful as those are alleged to be the human beings we can agree with most according to most regular expectancies.

### **3.4 Relationships causes and effects**

Parenting is the most enjoyable process that we can ever have, but now it’s not without challenges. Family life can be traumatic with a numerous pressures on households it’s not always smooth. In the long run, parents want what's fine for his or her infant and a strong figure-baby dating can help lead to better effects for

youngsters. The parent-child relationship is one that nurtures in the physical, emotional and social improvement of the child. It is miles a unique bond that every toddler and determine will have experience and nurture. This relationship lays the foundation for the child's persona, life choices and common behavior. It also has an effect on the electricity of their social, bodily, mental and emotional health.

### **3.4.1. Father and Mother**

Father and mother as we call both parents, two person who gives birth to and raises a child; parent in family are responsible to provide the necessary life care to child as they are able and they comes with positive and negative outcomes . Mother-father relationships in own family comes with each fantastic outcomes along with happiness, information and superb baby increase, and bad effects along with family strain, divorce or repeated conflicts. These relationship results have deep and lasting influences on the bodily, emotional and cognitive improvement of a toddler, and thus put them into social and monetary dangers. It's far absolute that organic mother and father generally tend to confer more than one developmental asset for his or her children; this may consist of care giving stability, economic assets and nice parenting and supervision, which transforms right into high-quality educational and behavioral consequences. In evaluation children in cohabiting-figure or unmarried determine families show terrible educational fulfillment and behavioral consequences than youngsters in married and greater so biologically. Likewise kids in a family that is composed of a remarriage shape following divorce or dying of one companion are academically. For child right emotional maturity, mother and father's love and affection are essential requirements for infant's emotional stability; youngsters have sure emotional needs that need to be catered for in the event that they should advantage emotional stability. It is able to be cited that children added up in a home devoid of love and care most instances develop up with unwanted as we see previously about Carlotta family, she lived in peaceful family that she didn't realized that they were poor one, then her life turn at the time her father became ill and her mother take all the responsibility of caring, working for her family stay alive. (T of MF, 1989, p7). In other words, biological mother and father can also have other hidden motivations to the frequent increase of their children as compared to other mother and father. Also reports in early formative years development shapes someone's

behavior may have an effect on his/her lifelong reviews. Childs thrive in nurturing surroundings in which there's promising expectations. Parent–child relationship is described as a sort of special and influential relationship mounted in the method of interplay between mother and father and their children, which is imperative to adolescents' bodily and intellectual improvement. Children analyze and boost pleasant when they have strong, loving, fantastic relationships with father, mother and different careers. That's due to the fact superb relationships with mother and father and careers assist teens analyze about the world – whether or not the world is protected and secure, whether or not they're loved, who loves them, what takes place when they cry and plenty more. Parents can construct an advantageous relationship with their child by being with him caring, supporting, spending exceptional time with him and creating a caring surroundings of have faith and respect. In Lissie dream memory, she describe the perfect family how it be, the family that every child have or want to be with “ they lived together as a family; that is the father and uncles lived with the mothers and aunts, and all of them played with and looked after the children”.(T of MF, 1989, p44).

Positive relationships between parents and child are built on quality time. Time together is how you get to know about each other's experiences, thoughts, feelings and changing interests. Our mother and father are the first instructors we have, and we can remember on them to educate us the entirety from how to devour with a spoon to how to behave in public. These might also be some of the extra apparent classes we examine from our parents. But from the time we're historical sufficient to study adults, they are educating us any other necessary lesson how relationships need to be. Given that our parents' marriage affords a blueprint for what we can count on from relationships, it can have an effect on us properly into adulthood. Here, examine how our dad and mom have an effect on our relationships and how their marriage influences our intellectual well-being. Pointing at Fanny when her mother advice her to travel to Africa to meet her father, Ola to tell him about her violent dreams. Ola admits to his daughter that he committed acts of violence against white settlers during his country's revolution and tells her that it did nothing to help him feel more whole. Here we notice that the father and the daughter have the same feeling and concerns. He advises his daughter to find a balance with the world to cope with her suffering. Fanny continues to look into her family's past and recalls memories of her grandmother, Celie. She discovers a pamphlet Celie produced with her close

friend, Miss Shug. "The Gospel According to Shug" contains a series of simple recommendations that help several of the characters in the book to discover peace "Helped are those born from love: conceived in their father's tenderness and their mother's orgasm, for they shall be those numbers of whom will be called "illegitimate" whose spirits shall know no boundaries, even heaven and earth, and whose eyes shall reveal the spark of the love that was their own creation. They shall know joy equal to their suffering and they will lead multitudes into dancing and peace"(T of MF,1989, p140). While we may additionally no longer comprehend it, even as younger children, we take in the conduct and interactions of humans around us, specifically our parents, on account that we have a tendency to spend the most time with them. From our parents, we study what a marriage need to seem to be like and what features we seeking in a partner. Our parents' relationship can additionally provide us a concept about what marriage means. It is no surprise, then, that troubles in our parents' relationships can reduce the fantastic of our very own relationships throughout adulthood, in accordance to research. A learn about observed that younger adults whose dad and mom had a notable deal of conflict, however did no longer divorce, skilled their share of problems. Parent-child relationship is defined as a kind of unique and influential relationship established in the process of interaction between parents and their children, which is critical to adolescents' physical and mental development (Zeigler, 2020) When there was more conflict in parents' marriage, children were less committed to and less satisfied with their romantic relationships during young adulthood. Also witnessing a high level of conflict between parents can also lead to negative views toward marriage. As an example of indicated that adult children of parents who had conflictual marriages were more likely to favor divorce, While Fanny was enjoy her sexual freedom, Suwelo realizes, with the help of Lissie's lessons, that empty physical encounters are fleeting compared to the love he once shared with Fanny. The pair reconcile and begin a new life but buy a house with separate wings, allowing them to grow together while living their own lives.'(T of MF,1989, p60-70). These findings suggest that when our parents are constantly involved in a conflict, we come to view marriage negatively. We become more supportive of divorce and less likely to commit to a relationship.

### **3.4.2. Father and Daughter**

The male parent who has begotten a child, father is the character who holds a necessary or wonderful role in some organization. Everyone has a organic father, even if they're now not raised via him except the paternal bonds of a father to his children, the father can also have a parental, legal, and social relationship with the infant that contains with it positive rights and obligation. Thus, a daughter's relationship with their father can play a key position in their psychological development. When fathers are current in their daughters' lives, women develop up with a wholesome feel of who they are. They are greater assured and confident and have a clearer grasp of what they desire in life. Learn greater about what makes this connection so precious and how to foster it from the time a daughter is born. The father daughter relationship is a complicated one, and all the greater so given that it has possibly been explored much less than different familial relationships. The focus that fathers play such a necessary function is a highly current development. The focal point for many years was once commonly on mothers and how they have an effect on their children's physical, emotional and religious wellbeing. The parental position of a father was once neglected from this equation for a lengthy time, due to the fact his position was once perceived as that of the provider. But current lookup has proven that a father's impact in his daughter's lifestyles shapes her self-esteem, self-image, self belief and opinions of men. A girl's relationship with her dad can determine her ability to trust, her need for approval and her self-belief. It can even affect her love life. One thing clear from all the research is that fathers matter. Linda Neilson, a professor of psychology at Wake Forest University and an expert in father-daughter relationships, explains that an emotionally absent father can have a damaging effect on his daughter's love life. "The daughter who has a fulfilling relationship with her father is usually more trusting, more secure and more satisfied in her romantic relationships than the daughter with a troubled or distant relationship with her dad," she said, adding that this is the case regardless of whether her parents are married or divorced. "Women who grow up with meaningful, comfortable, conversational relationships with their dads make better choices in which they date, sleep with, and marry." She adds, sadly, the converse is also true. When women don't grow up affirmed and acknowledged by their fathers, they can suffer from low self-esteem and make bad choices in their lives. They can become needy, clingy, preoccupied with the relationship and always looking for reassurance from their partner. Concerned with the principles of right and wrong behavior and the goodness

or badness of Fanny's father, she travels to Africa to meet her father, Ola. She confides in him about her violent dreams. Ola admits to his daughter that he committed acts of violence against white settlers during his country's revolution and tells her that it did nothing to help him feel more whole. He advises his daughter to find a balance with the world to cope with her suffering.

*"Since he and I were strangers, there was a certain amount of awkwardness, but I felt, with his sensitivity, he would be conscious of my thoughts.....It was something I myself might have done. Overcome with confusing and emotion, he'd simply wanted to give me something tangible, immediately, to try to make up for the lost years. (T OF MF,1989, p79)*

Women who develop up with an emotionally unavailable father regularly improve an anxious attachment style, residing in a nation of worry and distrust. When the father be a gentle, attentive, caring man, however he is an old-school authoritarian, who didn't brook any opposition. He demanded whole obedience and respect. Answering returned and voicing opposing views have been now not tolerated and led to showdowns. Girl will constantly backed down, fearing his anger and disapproval. Women who develop up with an emotionally unavailable father regularly improve an anxious attachment style, residing in a nation of worry and distrust. Due to their attachment wounds, they unintentionally suffocate the lifestyles pressure out of their big relationships. In some cases when the parents forcing their daughter into a marriage, specially the father as a representative case, Elendra the daughter that is forced to get married. her father forcing her to married someone that she doesn't know and let down her life and stop hanging out with her cousin Theoder, even that she try to explain that she refuse to married "Well, I have tried every way I know how to explain that I will not be married .....If I were to marry I feel sure I should slit my throat, or his, within a fortnight."(T of MF,1989, p107)

We all have a want for validation, a want to be aware of that we are attractive, valued, and wanted. If this is no longer coming near then troubles can filter into our person lives. Our relationship with our father helps lay the framework for future relationships, so it's vital to work via any "father issues" earlier than it's too late. But what takes

place when an infant loses one or each mother and father earlier than achieving adulthood? Along with the inevitable issues of dealing with grief and loss, can being disadvantaged of a mother or father at an early age have an effect on the variety of intimate relationships youngsters shape after turning into adults. Also when the child get known his father or mother after separation for a long time , get to recognize the father existed, hi loss him that will effect more sadly in adulthood more than childhood. The novel narrator describes fanny's impact of her father's sudden death:

*"Then, when her father died, she went back to Africa. It was a terrible time for her. She'd just gotten to know him, and her sister, as well. And she liked him. He was funny and irreverent and a rebel. He made her laugh.....Her father was so much like her, she felt, it tickler her just to see part of herself out there in the world in someone else. And he was her father; she hadn't even known she had one." (T of MF, 1989,p 150-155).*

In other hand, we remind father and son relationship, this relationship is the secret diary to recognize all about a man. Specialists disclose that the bond between a father and a son determines a lot about the son's nature and character. Additionally a boy who did no longer have an excellent relationship with his father grows up into a socially insecure and deeply sad man. A father's presence as a properly as his absence go away a deep imprint in a younger boy's mind. Boys be counted on their fathers some distance preparation and wisdom. They mannequin the world in accordance to their father's grasp and consciously they develop up in the molds of their father. The father-son relationship additionally impacts the way he view relationships. Boys who spend nice time with their fathers are much less probable to improve anxiety, depression, or aggressive behavior. Opposite to famous notions, boys too crave warmth, affection, and tenderness from their fathers. Even bodily banding between a father and his son is proven to enhance boy's self-esteem, satisfaction, and happiness.

It has been viewed greater normally those father-daughter relationships are extra extended and greater one of a kind likened to a father-son relationship. Fathers and

sons, of course they have a relationship, however fathers and daughters have a distinct bond. This extraordinary bond between a father and a daughter goes a lengthy way that daughters who have hands-on dads in the course of the rising levels of their lives are recognized to be in higher fitness than others. Also daughters who have a sturdy bond with their fathers have a decrease danger of having anxiousness and greater odds of having greater self confidence and self-esteem and can deal with stress better. The way a father communicates, contributes to the self-image of a child. The picture of a father the lady holds is of a man who is love and caring. This may additionally have an effect on the future relationships that she has. *"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."*(Umberto Eco). As a explanation of the study, find out that the most obvious finding to emerge from this study is the dysfunctional father or, rather, the dysfunctional father figure in Kureishi's Novel *The Buddha of Suburbia*(1990). Haroon, like some fathers in some communities, fails to be functional in both private and public spheres. He blackballs himself first and secondly his family. Haroon in the novel thinks that being abusive or less caring towards his family are normal and tolerated ways in society, but things turn out to become politely the opposite. His failure issues from the fact that he thinks only for himself and never took into consideration what may result from letting down his responsibilities. Besides, his situation worsens when he resorts to alcohol to free himself from domestic problems, preferring escape over reasonable, realistic solutions. Consequently, his dysfunctionality is doubled when an outsider, Eva, contributes to his abandonment of duties, rendering him blinded by love and desire. Kureishi's main concern, as evidenced through the choice of narrator, Haroon's son Karim, seems to be with the devastating psychological and mental wounds and scars ensuing from the father's dysfunctionality left to damage the wellbeing of the children (Messaoudi & Al-Khawaldeh)

Fathers are essential function models for their daughters. They are the first guys that their daughters relate to, and the relationships with their fathers set the tone for any relationships their daughters have in the future. There is no doubt that fathers-daughter relationships have an impact on daughters each positively and negatively. There are similarities between the father-daughter relationships, the daughters'



understanding of themselves, and how different guys pick out them to be. Daughters appreciably want their fathers support, acceptance, and love. Contrary to the daughters who have ride failed relationships with their fathers are in want for compassionate relationships.

### 3.4.3 Mother and Daughter

The female parent of a child, a lady may additionally viewed a mom through advantage of having given delivery , through elevating a toddler who might also or may also no longer be her organic offspring. Mothers play an essential position in the household, which is an effective pressure for social brotherly love and integration. Mothers are now not solely caregivers; they are additionally breadwinners for their households. The mother child relationship is vital for the healthy development of children. In A desire for women Suzanne set that:

*“Love and language, from this perspective, have everything to do with the first relationship, the mother-daughter relationship, the daughter-mother relationship, which is the first love and the originary context for language use. More properly, the mother-infant relationship is the first love, for mothers give birth to sons as well as daughter”* (Juhasz , p9)

Historically, mothers have held a definitive region each inside our very own intimate narrative and inside our symbolic universe. But everything, like the river, changes. Over time, each the parent of the mother and the idea of the household started out to change. Today, it is greater complex, greater free, and absolutely extra inclusive and comprehensive. Mothers are the most selfless human beings on the planet, establishing love to their youth even earlier than they born. Nothing in this world compares to a mother's love for the reason that it is the purest sort of love. Mothers are guardian angels for their children, constantly loving and assisting them. Because she is the first character that an infant sees after birth, each and every teen holds a unique region in their coronary heart for their mother. This is why an infant and their mother will have such a robust attachment.

A mother is a function version, tremendous buddy, and a pillar of energy for her daughter. For the mother, her daughter is her world. As quickly as a daughter is born, her mother develops a robust bond with her. As the daughter grows, their dating modifications, however the emotions continue to be the equal. However, as soon as

in a while, there are stipulations even as this gorgeous relationship wobbles. This influences each mother and daughter. In such situations, it is vital to tackle the troubles and make the connection higher. As every mother-daughter dating is specific, the rapport shared differs from one to some other. Some mother-daughter relationships can have a twisted bond proper from the beginning, even as a few can take a challenging route when the daughter starts growing. Any of the dysfunctional patterns between a mother and daughter ought to make the bond damaging as it mention in NEFNOUF AHMED SEIF EDDINE'S thesis "Shadism and Female Resistance in Toni Morrison's Novels" (2022) about the relationship between the mother and the daughter, in *Beloved*, that get murdered and killed by her mother for preventing her from slavery (3). Although the relationship between mother and daughter is robust, it could be tough. If no effort is made for improvement, it may grow to be bad. Allow us to check out some styles of dangerous mother-daughter relationships. First, Controlling relationship: Mother controlling her daughter can pressure a healthful dating. Keep that some people think that the controlling conduct of the mom is a regular parenting style. But it isn't. It takes away the freedom from the daughter and shrinks her dreams and passion. Whether or not the mom is controlling her daughter at some stage in her early life or it is after the daughter has grown up (maybe while she is youngster or adult) each stress a wholesome dating.

There are exclusive approaches of controlling, even as a few display anger or indifference, a number of them uses emotional blackmail. This type of controlling mother-daughter relationship is likewise termed as a chairman-subordinate relationship as the mother attempts to reveal and control her daughter's sports. And the daughter, then again, does the entirety to please her mom and to get her acceptance. In a few cases, mothers attempt to manipulate their daughters for shielding motives. Despite the fact that the goal won't be bad, the outcome truly is. Any controlling nature is taken into consideration unwell in a mother and daughter courting as an example Carlotta's mother, Zedé was sending her daughter to collect the peacock feathers that used in the designs of the caps and selling them to stranger."Her mother's responsibility was to provide food and clothing, and it was Carlotta's job to do the cooking and cleaning, of course, to go to school"(T of MF,1989, p7-8). Here the mother is dysfunction to her daughter. Second, Emotional disconnect: in the case of emotional disturbances, daughters typically search for

their mother. And while the mother isn't always available, they'll either become lonely or get closer to another family member (grandparent, or father, or uncle or aunt). As proof, Fanny gives her experience with her mom that she didn't care that much to her, she only take care from her Grandmother Celie and friend of her Miss Shug, when she tell:

*"My mother did not particularly interest me. Whereas Big mama ( as I called Grand mama Celie ) and Mama Shug ( as I called Miss Shug ) were always good for kiss, a laugh, a squeeze.....my mother was dare I say it? A boring women, who rarely laughed and always had her nose in a book" (T of MF, 1989, p77)*

Whilst the mother distances herself from her daughter, it reasons a disconnect in the relationship. Moreover, there are some relationships in which the mom is both bodily and emotionally absent for her daughter whilst she needs her the most. Or there is no physical touch, together with hugging or consoling hands among the mother and the daughter. Additionally, this kind of upbringing may leave emotional scars; this type of connection is named as a ghost relationship; when the mother is dysfunction.

Third, we find Judgmental courting: It is to shatter the daughter to shape her properly. But getting indispensable of her daughter's every flow into can add bitterness to the connection. Ideally, moms are speculated to motivate and help their daughters and no longer criticize them at every step of the way to boost in lifestyles. In such kind of figure-infant courting, neither the daughter nor the mom is satisfied. And with each and every passing day, the connection takes a noxious turn. "For instance, Nzingha was taken by her father to be educated and have a good future. Although her mother has the ability to keep her by her side, she left her because she saw that it was in her interest to stay away from her in order to learn and become better in the future. Here Nzingha feels that she has no importance to her mother, although she thinks of her good, she tells:

*"My mother didn't fight to keep me with her, for which I blamed her. She told me it was for my own good of course I couldn't see that and that I must study hard and learn to be service to our country"(T of MF,1989, p126).*

Here we recognise the trophy child, in this shape of courting, the mother makes use of her daughter surely to exhibit off her extremely good traits or achievements, barring thinking about her daughter's likes and dislikes. The daughter is sad most of the time, as her existence is being utilized with the aid of her mother to capture the attention of others patterns of communication inclusive of bodily pressure or verbal abuse. The mother's unreasonable expectations from her daughter whilst the daughter keeps craving for maternal presence; when a mother and daughter share the kind of courting, it is totally toxic. If the capability to be unbiased is taken away which could suppress her capacity, the mother will be both function and dysfunction on this situation. With the sort of relationship, the daughter may don't forget her mother as a rival and no longer as someone who loves her unconditionally.

Relatives, pals and different household participants for as soon as can distinguish between two siblings; however a mother will in no way do so. For her, all her youth are equal, and she makes certain to love and nurture every one of them equally. She receives indignant at them and offers them matters equally. However, there may be a phenomenon, human have a tendency to agree with that daughters are constantly nearer to their fathers, whereas, sons are nearer to their moms. It's usually said that guys are mama's boy, well that's true in some cases. Some guys are even referred to as mama's boy due to the fact they are too connected to their moms and share the whole lot with them. Although with all the demonstrated myths and misconceptions, it's nevertheless a large aspect even today. But why do sons have a specific connection with their mothers? The relationship between a mother and son is a complicated one. While a son is developing up and mastering independence, a mother love aid and nurturing is essential. However, there are instances in which the mother-son relationship turns into distorted and when this occurs it can go away destruction in its path. An unhealthy mother-son relationship can cripple each event and have an effect on all their different relationships.

When specific relationships with sons and daughters have been viewed separately, it is typically in the context of sex-role improvement from a psychoanalytical, psychological or sociological perspective. Family relationship are by using nature complicated, especially these between mother and father and children. whilst a great deal has been talker and written about the relationship between moms and daughters, that between fathers and daughters has obtained comparatively less attention, even

though it is equally complicated and has as many sizable consequences. It is additionally tempting to expect that fathering in regular is a not noted subject; however this is no longer altogether true. Without a doubt a predominant contributing aspect in this is the view of the mom as being the greater indispensable childcare, with whom it used to be necessary for the baby to make satisfactory bond.

## **Conclusion**

In the final analysis, Most of households are complex but loving, may also be having a difficult verbal exchange, but they're solely attempting to assist each other. A practical household will promote the ideal improvement of its participants, permitting anybody to show off their individuality. A dysfunctional household will create poisonous surroundings that intellectually or emotionally invalidates its participants and can moreover even emerge as fertile ground for a big variety of mental issues. In one phrase own family is the best gift that individual receive.

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Alice Walker's fourth novel, *The Temple of My Familiar*, give the reader a chance to permit him- or herself to increase and fall apart within an intensely provocative expression of a womanist international view. In reality, *The Temple of My Familiar* far a hard and fast of loosely associated recollections, a political platform, a sermon, and a go with the flow of dreams and memories sure collectively by manner of way of definitions of the prevailing nation of human affairs. The book explodes with

creativity and offers a beyond in which all subjects are viable through alternate, recognize, and self-attention. This high-quality view of the arena is obtainable through the reminiscences

This study aims at investigating the issues of racism and sexism which are one of the most sensitive issues during the time period of the twentieth century. Focusing on the psychoanalytic, feminism and womanism theories, the study aims to examine the personality of the characters, the traditional gender roles, and double oppression which were recurrent in the black community. It also analyzes the strategy of major characters in find their identity. As a reaction to black people double marginalization, Alice Walker creates Womanism to suit the black women sufferance since their struggle is different and unique, and to announce that feminism fails to address black women's issues of both racism and interracial racism who carries two concerns, being black and being female. Since Walker's novel *The Temple of My familiar* reveals the issues of racism and sexism, the study serves as a support to her views by providing an objective analysis of the main characters and how they fight issues physically, spiritually, and economically as individual and combination.

The first analytical chapter represents African-American people, It does not only present the sufferings of black human beings in life, as a substitute it tackles the real oppression that many black own family cope with because of their race and gender. Via the quit, women and male inside the novel stand up towards patriarchy, sexuality and gender troubles through bonding with each other .A cascade of reminiscences connect those troubles to the various tales and messages of the radical. Inside all the tales dignity, honor, and style are ruthlessly denied to those in religious, mental, or physical bondage, making it almost impossible for them to obtain wholeness. No matter economic status, all through time the "enslaved" have persisted an endless struggle for gracious residing. More than that, they Located any other way to speak and to pour their emotions of pain via cover-making and the Method of writing. For this reason, Alice Walker's *The Temple of My familiar* is a novel that clearly found in every story is the suppression of individuality via rules of morality and by way of the electricity one way of life wills over any other.

Subsequently, the second analytical chapter analyzes the protagonist's process of

empowerment focusing on family strategies. Genuinely, by the end Walker shapes the personality of characters in a way that surprises the reader by their strength, courage, and faith. They are ambitious characters who reject patriarchy, sexuality and gender issues as a canon, by fighting back all types of oppression in a social order. *The Temple of my familiar* as a whole creates new methodology of speech that replaces the pen and paper with different art. Art language gives person a way to speak, to voice their pain and to reject the society discourse. Art becomes the cornerstone for the reconstruction of gender roles. The novel represents African-American sufferings and humiliation. It doesn't only present the sufferings; also it marks the essential difference of humans and shows single family problems rather it tackles the real oppression that many black families handle due to their race and gender. The novel conveys a sense of tension in each of the characters lives as they are on the brink of spiritual transformations that lead to them embarking on journeys of individuality and combined to find their identity. Walker has complete authorial control and it sucks the creative life right out of the work. In one part, characters show family in the novel in represent patriarchy through bonding and separate with each other that show the parents in different position .More than that, main character found another way to speak and to pour their feelings of pain through choosing different art. Thus, Alice Walker's *The Temple of My familiar* is a novel that clearly highlights the role of womanist, feminist and patriarchy in the process of empowerment.

The third analytical chapter is concerned with the situation features that characterize the novel. It attempts to highlight their main aspects that make the novel a psychoanalytic one. This chapter of the dissertation sheds light on the principal characters aggravating relationship with their white family, adults who signify having excessive pleasant relationships with their father and mother at some point of childhood have higher normal intellectual fitness and are at diminished danger for intellectual problems in contrast to those who symbolize low parental relationship quality. Researchers have predominantly targeted on the relationship with the mother, normally aside from the special function that fathers can also play in the long-term improvement of their offspring. As a result of the study, according to the novel this



positive view of the world is provided through the recollections of leave out Lissie, a women who has experienced several incarnations; Zedé and Carlotta, a mother and daughter who proportion the intimate affections and love of one guy; Fanny Nzingha, granddaughter of Celie from *The Colour Purple* (1982); Suwelo, an American history professor; and an array of different characters (inclusive of Shug Avery from *The color purple*) needs admire for the instruments of alternate (self-awareness, freedom, equality, love, and respect), it does now not insist that alternate is continually fantastic. In line with Zedé, the moment prehistoric man sought to emulate lady (and convey existence through a bodily commencing that he did not possess) destruction, disease, and death were conceived. To sum up, Gender is an essential function of person premortal, mortal, and everlasting identification and cause. Fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are accountable to offer the necessities of lifestyles and safety for his or her households. Mothers are usually accountable for the nurture in their youngsters. In these sacred duties, fathers and mothers are obligated to assist each other as equal partners.

The importance of Parents in one's life is quite evident. Parenthood is a responsible venture and there's no debate on that topic. In this fast-paced era, it is quite difficult for parents to mark their presence in their children's life whether as a model of the traditional African family who knows fulfilment in life or as an individual questioning and challenging himself and the other people and force that participate in the determination of the course of his life. The modern-day finds out about examined the special associations of recalled childhood experiences of mother- and father-child relationship with every day emotional experiences and stress methods in adulthood. Parent-child interactions are non-public and regularly personal encounters, but they are influenced by using socio-historical influences. Two such influences are the socioeconomic surroundings of the family and the historic expectations and cultural mores about parenting. Researchers have mentioned the pathways main from the receipt of negative parenting in childhood to worse intellectual fitness in later life. These fashions assert that young people who acquire chaotic, harsh or neglectful care from their father or mother boost terrible emotion law strategies, which in flip leaves them extra inclined to emotional misery later in life. Parents residing in poorer socioeconomic conditions, for example, have a tendency to be much less supportive and nurturing than financially tightly closed parents

We have chosen The Dysfunctional Father in Hanif Kureishi's Novel *"The Buddha of Suburbia"* due to the fact a women authored textual content permits analyzing the depiction of guys from the well-known society and the girl perspective. Whether the images are positive or negative, sympathetic or unsympathetic, usual or modern, the viewpoint is that from which others view the man. The position of father and mother may additionally be appearing in a multitude of ways: as the fundamental parent, as one of two principal parents, or as a secondary parent. They might also be a biological, foster, or adoptive father or mother, a stepfather or stepmother, and a grandfather or grandmother. Also, we pointed that the Structural of Family Therapy is one of the locate out about that provide to deems on a family realistic when it manages to preserve cohesiveness amongst its contributors at the same time as allowing for their personality differentiation, and dysfunctional when either cohesiveness or differentiation is sacrificed for the sake of the other. Few dysfunctional households are virtually enmeshed or disengaged. In most, some couple are pretty shut or over worried and others are under involved. An everyday occasion is the over involved mother and child, and a father who is a ways away from one or every of them. At the specific extreme, in enmeshed households there is an excessive closeness amongst members. The family revolves spherical itself: mutual situation is exaggerated, the experience of personality identification is limited, and adaptability to non-family social contexts is difficult. Again, the family can also moreover or no longer be in charge for the onset of the problem, then again as quickly as it is present, the rigid interlocking of person roles and behaviours has a paralyzing have an effect on at cases of transition, when one of a type responses are needed. To fulfil such function, the household ought to boost regulations that restrict man or woman freedoms. Family contributors have to be given some diploma of interdependency (e.g., between spouses) and some structure of hierarchy (e.g., between father and mother and children). But the household additionally wishes to trade these guidelines as required via its evolution (e.g., as teenagers grow, they need to grow to be much less based on parental nurturance and control, and freer to discover new relationships), as nicely as by way of exterior occasions (a go to some other city, loss of a job, divorce, modified monetary circumstances). Thus, the complexities of family's cognizance related to father or mother and toddler offers guide to the underlying fact that a household individuals attention of their self; in literature as in life can't be regarded in a vacuum.

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## Abstract

In African American literature, the stereo-typed characterization of the family is demanding critical attention. This study seek to offer an understandable of the parents figure in the family and give a better understanding to the reasons behind characters' problems in family functionality, the way they experienced and how Alice Walker deals with the issue of family function or dysfunction in her novel " *The Temple of My Familiar* ". However, literary criticism concentrate less on the structure on father function and dysfunction and more on mother function and dysfunction on the description such as joyful or wistful family specially to the children. This study have three fold: the first chapter gives a historical, social and biographical background about African American and Alice Walker bibliography; the second chapter is about Feminism, womanism, sociological and patriarchal theory and African American literature and, the third and chapter based on a deep analysis of actions and behavior of the major characters in their family changes in function and dysfunction of the father and mother.

**Key words:** African American Literature, Family, patriarchal, Function, Dysfunction

## الملخص

يتطلب التمثيل النمطي للأسرة في الأدب الإفريقي الأمريكي اهتماما نقديا. تسعى هذه الدراسة إلى تقديم مفهوم شخصية الأبوين داخل الأسرة و معالجة الأسباب المتعلقة بمشاكل الهيكل الوظيفي للأسرة في الشخصيات الأدبية لرواية " ذا تامبل اوف ماي فاميلير" أو " معبد رفاقي" للكاتبة أليس والكر و كيفية تجسيد الكاتبة لمشكلة أن يكون الأب وظيفي و الأم غير وظيفية في الأسرة . حيث أن النقد الأدبي يركز بشكل اقل على الهيكل الوظيفي للأب و بشكل اكبر على الهيكل الوظيفي للام في خصوص وصف الأسرة السعيدة أو



الحزينة بالنسبة للطفل. تحتوي هذه الدراسة على ثلاثة فصول حيث أن الفصل الأول يعرض الخلفيات الاجتماعية والتاريخية للأمريكيين السود وكذلك السيرة الذاتية للكاتبة أليس والكر وخلفيتها الأدبية أما الفصل الثاني سيتطرق لعرض النظريات النسوية الاجتماعية والأبوية إضافة إلى الأدب الإفريقي الأمريكي أما الفصل الثالث سيقدم تحليلا معمقا لسلوك و أفعال الشخصيات الأساسية للرواية بالنسبة لتغيرات الأسرة في تحديد إذا كان الأم أو الأب وظيفي أو غير وظيفي

**الكلمات المفتاحية :** الأدب الإفريقي الأمريكي - الأسرة - . وظيفي - غير وظيفي - الأبوية

## Résume:

La représentation stéréotypée de la famille dans la littérature afro-américaine requiert une attention critique. Cette étude vise à introduire le concept de la personnalité des parents au sein de la famille et à aborder les causes liées aux problèmes de la structure fonctionnelle de la famille chez les personnages littéraires du roman « Le temple de mon familier » ou « Au-delà de mon Friends" d'Alice Walker, et comment l'écrivain a incarné le problème du père fonctionnel et de la mère non fonctionnelle dans la famille.

Alors que la critique littéraire s'intéresse moins à la structure fonctionnelle du père qu'à la structure fonctionnelle du mère, concernant la description de la famille heureuse ou triste pour l'enfant.

Cette étude contient trois chapitres, où le premier chapitre présente les antécédents sociaux et historiques des Noirs américains, ainsi que la biographie de l'écrivain Alice Walker. La deuxième chapitre est à la théorie féminine, sociale, parentale et la morale AfroAméricaine. Troisième chapitre, analyse de profondeur base sur les habitudes, les actions des personnages principaux du roman en relation avec la famille changements pour déterminer si la mère ou le père est fonctionnel ou non fonctionnel

**Mots-clés :** la littérature Africaine Américaine, La Famille, Parentale fonctionnelle, non fonctionnelle