

Introduction

The analysis of three various identity is extremely relevant for developing an accurate comprehension of the growth of nationalism in today's world. They were

☒ Diffuse Identity (Patriotism, the love for motherland)

☒ Extreme Identity (Offer their own particular formulation of Nationalism)

☒ Deep-Rooted Identity (Is at the center those who are sincerely occupied by searching for spiritual foundation)

Among them, the below were the details about the diffuse identity, through a person's (Joseph) life. He lost his identity while he was a small boy.

In Search of his Origin

In the beginning of the story, we came to know that Joseph is in search of his origin, due to his loss of Identity and Roots. But his longing to know about his Identity and ancestral Background, makes the discussion appropriate to the topic. For that we have know that, how he came to these alien land. That is, Before 150 years, British transported 1000 workers from India to this country. People came from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Many African and Chinese people also made their way towards this country. Sugarcane production flourished in the land and colonizers grew extremely wealthy. People of Trinidad lived a wealthy and healthy life. Some people often fly from West Indies to India in search of their roots in India. But Joseph's story is a different one. He does not know his ancestral or family name.

Longing because of the Loss of Identity

We often came to that he is longing to know about his identity. Mainly, When Joseph picks up a conversation with Dr. Ram Dayal. He says,

"You know, I am from your country, I am from your country.

Many years ago, my grandfather came have from India"

Joseph do not have an Indian complexion. Joseph's story is a touching one. He does not know his ancestral or family name. He narrates his past with Dr. Ram Dayal. He came to West Indies before a century and a half ago.

The Way in Which he Lost his Root

At that time, He was hardly five or six. He was playing at the sea shore. He feels curious to find out what is in the ship. The ship prepares to depart to Trinidad. There were hundreds of labourers in the ship. The child finishes his tour of the whole ship. He could see nothing but the towering waves in the sea. He feels that he lost his homeland and it disappears from his presence. The boy is noticed by the ship officers. The boy seemed insignificant to turn the ship and place him ashore. The orphaned child enters into another part which remains unknown to him. The boy does not know his name and later he is christened Joseph by the church priest.

Joseph's Desperacy

Joseph married lady from Brazil and settled down in his life. When he gets free time, he used to go to the sea shore and watch the restless waves of the sea. He remembers dream like memories of his past. He imagines of his mother who does all the household works and he remembers how his mother waits for him to hug. Joseph feels desperate over his mother's impending memories. Joseph's mental restlessness and grief is also communicated to the others in his family. Joseph, during his leisure time, he hangs around the sea shore and dreams about his childhood. He recalls a hazily built mud hut and a busy woman, his mother doing the household works. As a small boy, he goes out of the hut and plays in the mud and returns his house late. His mother would sit aside and hug the child closely. He has also experienced the wipe of this mother with the help of aacha. Joseph could not forget the gentle touch of his mother even he has attained his retirement age.

Restlessness due to the Loss and Remembering of the Past

He forgets himself in the thought and he goes on to examine his roots and identity. He often thinks of

"Where had he come from,

Where was that loving mother now"

This shows his search of identity. He feels as if he is living in an alien country like West Indies. Even though, he looks like a West Indian, he feels bereft, and always search for the identity of his forefathers and the country he was born. He shows this anguishness and grief with his family.

Part Played by Trinidad and Tobago

The People of Trinidad and Tobago set themselves as an example of communal harmony. They

consider all religions alike. There is no racial discrimination among Hindus, Muslims and Christians. The people celebrate the function of every religion with great enjoyment. Moreover, during Id, Hindus and Christians cook sevyan by wearing don new clothes and welcome guests to their homes. They are free from religious conservatism or even Fundamentalism. The Family setup of Trinidad and Tobago is quite different. The head of the family, the husband may be a Hindu, Wife, a Muslim, and a couple of children may be Christians. They respect each other's religion. The Hindus have raised temples and propagate their religion in these places with the help of pundits from India. The pundits teach their sermon to the people of the island and illuminate the mind of the people.

Condition of Peoples in Trinidad and Tobago

The Peoples of Trinidad and Tobago always search for their identity and they come India in search of their roots. Few people visit their distant relatives. Some people feel consoled by touching the soil of the land from which their parents have really come. Geeta Goswami refers to a character named Joseph. Joseph also belongs to India. He unknowingly made his long journey to Trinidad, when he was five or six