

Black Women Inferiority in the Character's of Pecola and Pauline Breedlove in Toni Morrison's Novel: The Bluest Eyes

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Abstract: *This era is of women. In every sector Women are proving themselves. No matter which area it is, it may be education, political, cultural, Technical, social, finance, sports. If women are given opportunities, they are proving themselves. Some of the examples can be considered here i.e. Savitribai Phule, Ahilyabai Holkar, Indira Gandhi, Kalpana Chawla, Kiran Bedi, Pratibhatai Patil and many more, In human civilization women's population is in an average 50 percentage. If we want to progress mankind then we cannot neglect women in all respect. They should be given opportunities and should treat equally so that they also can give their contribution for the development of society and culture. God also has given them better opportunities like being mother by giving birth to child and nurturing children for their future. Who we are to side-line and obsessher. But unfortunately, the image of women depicted by Nobel award winner Toni Morrison in her The Bluest eye is women are inferior than men and especially black women's condition is worst. In this novel protagonist Pecola Breedlove, she thinks herself as a ugly because of her not having her blue eyes and black by colour. She wishes blue eyes so that everybody will love her, care her and finally treat her equally like a good girl.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cholly Breedlove is a father of Pecola Breedlove who is drunkard and careless about his family and children. He doesn't earn for his family's livelihood and don't take care of his daughter. Even in the influence of alcohol he rapes his own daughter Pecola Breedlove when she was working in the kitchen one day. Pecola feels lonely, depressed and sits in the corner of house. That year was the worst year for Pecola Breedlove. Pauline Breedlove the mother of Pecola Breedlove also neglects her. Through this incident we can understand the value of daughter of the black family in the eyes of black drunkard father.

Pauline Breedlove is a mother of Pecola Breedlove and wife of Cholly breedlove. Both are not good parents and fight each other all the time, Cholly beats his wife Pauline Breedlove under the influence of alcohol. It effects on their children especially Pecola Breedlove. Pecola all the time lives in illusionary, psychological obsession, imaginary world so that the pain in real world will not trouble and disturb her and thinks of running away from the home to avoid these circumstances. She wishes blue eyes by thinking that once got blue eyes she will get love, respect, everything, she desires. But her life is devastated.

Once when Pecola had gone in nearby home of Geraldine to play. She saw blue eyed cat to which everybody was loving. She, Pecola also wishes blue eye. As cat is loved by everybody, she also wants to be loved by all. Whatever beauty she got by nature, she hates herself and wishes to be different due to socio-cultural impact. One day Junior the Son of Geraldine through the cat on walls, eventually it gets killed but he blames and decides responsible Pecola for cat's death. Junior was cruel by nature because of the absence of love of his mother.

Pauline Breedlove, the mother of Pecola Breedlove is a Black woman. In her childhood she was fond of watching Hollywood movies. She had seen white beauties (girls) in the movies who have everything they desires. So Pauline works as a servant in a White family to be close with them. It's one type of mental obsession. Because being a Black

women she was not possible to be white lady. Minimum she wanted the company of white family and live like them by adopting their lifestyle in the company of white people and get a life of little status. Because of this she didn't care and give attention to her own family and children. She loves the children more where she works than her own children. It indicates clearly that because of black and even being lady she thinks herself less than others because of her black physical colour and race. Sherespect while people and hates self and own black family people. It's the impact of society and culture. because literature, movies is the reflection of society.

Darlene is a first girl that Cholly breedlove likes and has first sexual experience with her. When both caught by white men in the forest. Both, then were humiliated and asked them to do sex before white people. People had not cared about their feeling and humiliate both of them. It indicates black people's inferiority before white people. White people can do anything what they think and feel.

When Pecola Breedlove consult for turning her eyes into blues with Elihue Micah Whitcomb (Soaphead Church) who is self-styled spiritualist tells Pecola to feed the food (Pecola was unknown to about poisonous food) to old sick dog to which he hates and if dog behaved strangely after having food then her eyes will be turned into blues next day with granting her wish. Elihue Micah Whitcomb is a psychic healer with a mixed race of half Chinese and half white ,So he thinks himself superior and hates people. Pecola Breedlove is too much Obsessive to get blue eyes she was ready to do anything if anybody told. So she feeds the food the sick dog , dog suffers and immediately dies after having food. Shesee the scene and run away. She was believing blue eye means respect, love ,care dignity in her opinion due to the existence of race in society and shows black women's inferiority in the society.

In summer season when Claudia Mac Teer and Frieda Mac Teer came to know through rumours and gossips about Pecola Breedlove's Pregnancy from her own father, she feels sorry about her and thinks very bad happened with her. So, Claudia decides that whatever seeds she had preserved to sell and by earning money of buying bicycle she will not do so. Instead she will plant marigold seeds and if grown well it means Pecola's child and her health will be fine. Everything will be fine and if not grown something bad will happen with Pecola Breedlove. At the end Pecola's baby dies in delivery at the time of birth and Pecola becomes psychologically more depressed and become mad. And in her madness, she thinks that her eyes have become blue and she is the beautiful in the world. Her wish came true on the cost of her saneness by becoming mad. She has achieved the Bluest eyes in her thoughts only, not in reality. Because of madness she wanders on streets and waving hands like bird to fly in the air but it was in vein in reality. She keeps speaking with her imaginary friend by thinking she got the Bluest eyes and became beautiful. How sad it is!

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