

An Analytical Study of the Theory of ‘The Survival of the Fittest’ Depicted in the Short Story *Khaccar ɔ:r a:dmi: (Mule And The Man)* By Yashpal

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This paper will explore ‘The Survival of The Fittest’, which is a phrase that originated from Darwinian Evolutionary Theory as a way of describing the mechanism of natural selection, depicted in the short story *khaccar ɔ:r a:dmi: (Mule and The Man)*. As a matter of fact, we human beings have lost our natural survival instincts because of man-made baseless religious beliefs, and Yashpal is a well-known Hindi writer, who raised his voice through short stories against the above mentioned social issue. He has used logical incidents, which are based on scientific theories in his short stories to abolish such outdated beliefs, which have been generated as a result of capitalism, idealism, exploitation and convention. Thus he has proved the baselessness of many outdated thoughts, caused to obstacle the natural life circle. The short story *khaccar ɔ:r a:dmi: (Mule and The Man)* has been written in a scientific context. In this short story, Yashpal has proved that the natural life circle of the human being can be damaged by religious myths. The eagerness towards Materialism and Marxism caused Yashpal to explore effective solutions through literature for such grave problems among mankind. In the process of writing he never included utopia of revisionism as solutions of social problems. In the short story *khaccar ɔ:r a:dmi: (Mule and The Man)*, Yashpal has made an effort to explain to society, that religious beliefs, which are against nature are based on economic inequality and capitalism. Moreover, by presenting incidents regarding ‘The Survival of The Fittest’, he has proved that if someone is going against nature, the meaninglessness of baseless beliefs will be shown by nature itself. This paper makes an attempt to point out the importance of natural survival, while also drawing attention to explain the mutual relationship among literature, human life and science.

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