

Literature and Morality

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Abstract

Literature - morality relation has remained a point of vital critical debate since the ancient civilization. In the twentieth Century this question has continued to inspire critical debate despite phenomenal decline in religious and moral aspect of life. But literature and morality relationship is complex and oscillates between complete interdependence to dissociation of such a relation. The study traces the art morality relation from the ancient times to the contemporary period. It exclusively focuses on tragedy as an instance of the close relationship between literature and morality. It has been argued that modern tragedy for several reasons represent low level concerns with moral dimensions of art.

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