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A Freudian Psychoanalysis of the Character, Changez, in the novel The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid

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ABSTRACT

The research paper is an attempt to study the novel, The Reluctant Fundamentalist, by Mohsin Hamid with the lens of Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytical Theory of Personality. The study investigates the elements and effects of Id and Superego in the Character Changez. The theoretical framework mainly focuses on Psychoanalytical theory of Sigmund Freud, while the method is close reading. The study of Psychoanalytical theory and the novel, The Reluctant Fundamentalist, not only brings out the nature of the personality of a man, but its study also helps develop a mature and comprehensive understanding of man, nature, and society. It is a qualitative research with method of textual analysis. The findings are moral decline in the result of personal ego and dishevelment created by it in the present society in general and in the life of an average man in particular. It means this research found out that living in a modern world, living beings are faced with the challenges of time, coupled with their social background, socio-cultural environment, fate and heredity.

Key words: Sigmund Freud, Psychoanalysis of man, nature of man's Personality, The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid.

INTRODUCTION

Human Literature is the mirror of the society which reflects the social norms, cultural values and the civilization of the people. It is the complete representation of human life in written form. Literature covers all good and bad, internal and external, physical and metaphysical elements of human life. Simply one can say that Literature is the gateway for spectator to know about the life, culture, religion and all other information about the people of present time and of past.

The study of how people behave, think, influence and interact with each other is part of literature and as well as the part of psychology. What people act and how people represent themselves in society, both are completely related to literature and psychology. Literature and psychology both are interconnected. Psychology is the study of human mind and how the human mind is representing the human in society. It might not be wrong to write that literature is vehicle and psychology is its fuel.

Sigmund Freud, a Viennese neurologist, was the founding father of psychoanalysis as a school of psychology. This school displays different views to explain human behavior in the society.

Sigmund Freud presented psychoanalytical theory to explain the human psyche from different angles in different situations and to analyze practically the human psyche. In Psychoanalytical theory Sigmund Freud divides the human psyche in two different parts. In first part human psyche is arranged in three layers as the conscious, the precocious or sub conscious and the unconscious and the second part is arranged by postulating three other components Id, The Ego, The Super ego.

In first part of the theory, conscience is the very small part in human personality. In conscious part of human personality, awareness is present. And in The Preconscious part of human personality the information is present which is not in the mind at the moment but a person can bring easily when it is needed, for example a question is asked and the answer of that question comes to mind instantly unconscious is the most largest part full of desires, wishes, pleasurable moments the affect our thoughts. In second part of the theory Id first comes. Id develops in an infant from the birth. The Id consists of basic biological needs: the need to eat, to avoid pain. In short all the acts which are done unconsciously are the Id. Sigmund Freud believed that the sexual and aggression drive are the most important constituents of the Ego. The Id has no relation with time or reality; it is completely unconscious. The Ego is the new developing part of personality after The Id. In The Ego, the child starts knowing the facts. In The Ego, unconscious action develops into conscious actions. The Ego is the development of The Id in personality. In The Ego a person acts according to situations. The Ego is the organized part of personality including judgment, tolerance, reality, testing, planning, and all the acts related to consciousness. According to Brown (1934) "Ego is critical of The Id and resistive of its impulses". The Ego is in direct relation with time, space and physical reality in contrast of The Id. The superego is the third part of the personality which judges whether the actions are good or bad. It mostly develops from the parental influence and ideals of society through early childhood experiences. The Ego develops in the age of five years in response to parental rewards and punishments. Due to mutual understanding of parents, children adopt their behavior under their own control. Then children no longer need to tell them about bad or good, their superego tells them. All the super ego of the person depends on the parental understanding of child. The Superego is the stage of making serious decisions on the basis of morality and society wellbeing.

The researcher will analyze the personality of the character Changez of the novel "The Reluctant Fundamentalist", through the perspective of Sigmund Freud's theory of psychoanalysis. According to the researcher's analysis the character of Changes Khan purely represents the theory of psychoanalysis by Freud.

The selected character, for the psychoanalysis in the perspective of Sigmund Freud, is the protagonist character of the novel "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" by Mohsin Hamid. The writer, Hamid is a British Pakistani novelist. Hamid spent much of his childhood in the United States of America and also had graduated from Princeton University summa Cum laude. In the selected novel he also presents Changes Khan a graduate of Princeton University summa cum laude. As Hamid had personally experienced the life there in America before and after 9/11 incident so he could bitterly display the life in America before and after 9/11 incident. Hamid has also written on politics, art, literature, travel and other topics; most recently on

Pakistan's internal division and extremism in the New York. Hamid has described himself as a "mongrel" and has said of his own writing that "a novel can often be a divided man's conversation with himself.

The Selected novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* tells the story of a Pakistani man named Changez who decides to leave a high profile life in America after 9/11 incident. This novel was published in 2007 and was shortlisted for The Booker Prize. The novel, *Reluctant Fundamentalist*, is formally experimental. Hamid has said that "The Fall" by Albert Camus served as his model for "The Reluctant Fundamentalist".

The novel starts by The Pakistani Protagonist Changez, addresses an anonymous silent American listener who had not spoken directly through whole novel. They were both setting on a tea table in old Anarkali bazar district Lahore. Changez starts addressing an American by identifying him as a citizen of America and then starts narrating a story about his life there in America. In that story he narrated that : how he had lived in America, why and how he was suffered badly there in America and what were the reasons that made him to leave a high profile life in America. In the story he highlights the decisions what he made before and after settling in America. Before settling in America he dreams of adopting an American lifestyle, an independent life, a life of his own choices, but the real situations was in contrast of his dreams. At that time he had an unconscious mind and was in a state of ID according to the Psycho- analytical theory of Sigmund Freud.

Finally Changez gets admission at Princeton University on full bright scholarship. He gets graduated with no "B" grade in his all subjects. Then he gets a job at Underwood Samson, a dream of cream intelligent people to get a job there. In that stage of life his dream of living an American lifestyle becomes true but a dream, of independent life and a life of his own choices, remains only a dream. During that stage of life he starts to experience the behavior of American authorities and American people. He got suffered and tortured very badly in that period. Even his experience with Erica was bad. It was post 9/11 America. After all these bad experiences he realizes that what decisions that he had made are not in favor of him. He must go to his Pakistan and must aware the Muslims to not stay more silent against America, now it's time to speak. So in the end He leaves America and got settled in Lahore as a University Lecturer. Here is in state of superego ac Research Objectives according to the Psychoanalytical theory of Sigmund Freud.

1.1 Research Objectives

- To show that how Psychoanalysis helps in studying human personality.
- To show that how human mind reacts to the surroundings which are against him.

1.2 Research Questions

- 1) What components of Freudian Psychoanalytical theory can be found in Changez's character in the novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid?
- 2) What the ID and the Superego choices Changez makes in the novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid?

1.3 Rationale

The selected novel is analyzed in perspective of all important aspects by other researchers but has not analyzed psychoanalytically. In the novel the personality of the character Changez is psychologically very important. Due to the Psychoanalytical analysis of character Changez, the

character could be studied more clearly. A lot of research articles are written on this Novel in the light of every perspective that is why the researcher will analyze the character Changez in perspective of Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytical theory.

1.4 Research Significance

The significance of this research is that how psychological aspects of human mind play a better role in awareness and changing of bad decisions into good decisions. From this study the reader will be able to read the Muslim's psyche of adopting an American life style and its bad results. The study of this research will also portray the injustice and miserable treatment of American people towards Muslims of different parts of the world. This study has also significance of warning Muslims to open only their mouths to tell what Muslims are suffering in post 9/11 America.

1.5 Delimitation

The researcher will only remain limited to the character Changez. The researcher will only analyze the character Changez in the perspective of Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytical theory. The main aim of the study is to show Freudian ID and Superego elements of personality in the character Changez and its bad effects on his personality.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytical Theory of Personality is the center of people's interest lately. By the help of Freudian psychoanalytic theories, it is quite possible to interpret human behaviors from different perspectives. A lot of research articles are written on this theory. *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* novel is character-based and has the psychological analysis potential but it had never been interpreted via such lens. Following are the different research studies with the help of which both Sigmund Freud's theory and Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* are analyzed:

A research article "A Critical Appraisal of Freud's Ideas on Man and Personality" conducted by Razak, M and Hisham, N (2013). This research article is propelled to analyze some of Freud's ideas on man along with different aspects of man's personality. In this article, the interplay of the psychic force namely: Id, Ego, Superego are explained by Sigmund Freud in his theory of personality. Moreover, the very basic thoughts of Sigmund Freud about man's personality are critically discussed such as Freud's concept on man, personality development, three parts of personality: Id, Ego, Superego and stages in personality development. All the major components of psychoanalytical theory are briefly explained in this article. According to this article, Freud is of the opinion that man is responsible for the destruction in society. The article is the depiction of his pessimistic views about man that are based on his own assumptions which is man is evil by nature. He is of the view that the devilish behavior of man is developed from the age of infancy in child during personality development. In personality development, three parts of personality are developed stage by stage: Id, Ego, and Superego. Id part of the personality lies in the unconscious region of human psyche. Id develops at the age of infancy in child. It develops the original system of human psyche. The Id part of personality is not in control of the norms of society, religion, and the surrounding environment. After the Id, Ego is developed, which lies in the preconscious region of human psyche. Similarly, Ego helps in blocking some of the demands of Id. Subsequently, the superego is formation takes place after the Id and Ego. As a matter of fact, Superego is further advancement of Ego, which lies in the conscious region of human

psyche. Hence, in the article it is explained that the ego is a mediator among the Id and Superego. The major concern of the article is to represent superego as a watchful eye on Ego, in order to stop the formation of Ego

Cao Mengyue (2016) penned down an article "A Freudian psychoanalysis of symbols in Faulkner's *The Hamlet*". The article is an attempt to analyze different symbols in "The Hamlet" through the spectacles of Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytical theory. In this article the researcher tried to display the three main symbols which symbolize the human's unconscious desires in "The Hamlet": the eulas buggies, the villagers activities, and people's purchasing behavior. The psychoanalysis of these symbols demonstrates people's psychology and nature more deeply and systematically. Therefore, these symbols are analyzed through the spectacles of Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytical theory.

Another research article "Alice Munro's 'Runaway' in the Mirror of Sigmund Freud" written by Bahador, R (2015), discussed the psychological aspects of the fictional characters in the "Alice Munro's Runaway". The characters are driven by the Freudian mental agencies and undergo phases of psychic disorder. In the whole article, Munro's short fiction has been discussed through Sigmund Freud's theory by providing the explanation of the unconscious part of human mind and its connection with the interpretation of dreams. Additionally, the symbolization of three main characters is based on tripartite agencies of the id, ego and superego.

Similarly, another research article "Moving through America: Race, place and resistance in Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*" conducted by Hartnell, A (2010) has explored Mohsin Hamid's "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" in the context of debates about US multiculturalism after 9/11. It suggests that Hamid undoubtedly identifies the racism and clear discrimination on domestic level as well as on international level by America towards the other states specifically Muslim countries.

Moreover, Hartnell argues that "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" also invests in the possibility that America might represent the transcendence of racial differences.

Likewise, Islam M. Shihada, (2015), demonstrates in his article "The Backlash of 9/11 on Muslims in Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*" about the backlash of 9/11 in Muslims in America. He discusses that how Muslims are harshly treated after the backlash of 9/11 in the novel. Further, he explains how Muslims become the victims and legitimate targets of hate crimes, negative media stereotypes, physical beatings, disappearance, racial profiling, interrogation of American airports and detentions in secret places. This is how Muslims were treated after the backlash of 9/11.

Kiiran, S (2013), discusses in her article „Identity Crisis as Reflected in Selected Works: *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* By Mohsin Hamid and *The Black Album* by Hanif Kureishi" about the identity crisis faced by Muslims in America. She got the conclusion from the novel "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" that Changez Khan faced problems and discrimination regarding his identity in the America. In the article, Kiran analyzes all the situations which Changez had faced in post 9/11 America were all due to his identity as Pakistani Muslim.

Morey, P (2011) argues in his article "The Rules of the Game have Changed:

Mohsin Hamid's "The Reluctant Fundamentalist and post-9/11 Fiction" that Mohsin Hamid's "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" challenges the orthodoxies of the post-9/11 novel that, until its publication, had generally taken the form of documents of personal trauma and loss, or recapitulations of unproblematic notions of essential cultural difference. He further discusses the life experiences and eventual disillusionment of a gifted young Pakistani who went to America with a great cause and then he returned to Pakistan as a discouraged and racially profiled anti-American citizen of Pakistan with a new hope.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The researcher has used qualitative method to conduct his research. The research is purely Qualitative based on inductive reasoning. The researcher has applied the psychoanalytical theory of Sigmund Freud on the character Changez Khan in the novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid. The researcher has studied the novel thoroughly and has mainly focuses on the character Changez Khan; mainly on his dialogues, utterances and the behavior throughout the novel. The theory helped the researcher to carry out desired objectives and conclude the findings.

3.1 Data Collection

Data collection sources are of two kinds known as primary and secondary sources. In primary source the researcher has added the analyzed text from the current study *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid and other different articles related to this novel and theory. In secondary sources, the researcher has collected some data from the internet source, related books and published research thesis done before.

3.2 Theoretical Framework

The researcher has analyzed the character Changez's personality in perspective of Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytical theory of Personality. Psychoanalytical theory of personality deals with the human psyche. Freud has divided this theory into two different parts. First part of human psyche is arranged in three layers: the conscious, the pre conscious and the unconscious; the second part is arranged by postulating three other components which are id, the ego and the super ego. The researcher has incorporated some discussion on the interplay of the psychic forces namely; id, ego and superego, as explained by Freud in his theory on personality development; so the character Changez is studied in the frame of second part of Psychoanalytical theory. So the whole study is based on finding Freudian id and Superego elements of personality and its effects on personality in the character Changez of the novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid. The researcher has also focused on the effects of Changez's choices on his life and career. The researcher has analyzed the personality of the character throughout the novel through the spectacles of Sigmund Freud theory of personality. In the wake of a divergent theory existing on man, this research is propelled to revisit some of Freud's ideas on man and personality development.

DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

The researcher has selected to study the novel, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid published in 2007, in order to provide the interpretation through which it has not been studied yet. The researcher has applied the psychoanalytical theory of Sigmund Freud on the character, Changez, in the novel. Moreover, the psychoanalysis of the character, Changez, is thorough through the Id, Ego and Superego parts in his personality. The researcher has analyzed Id, Ego and Superego parts of personality by thoroughly studying the novel and providing the textual references from the novel.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist is written in the form of a dramatic monologue which presents only one side of a dialogue between Changez and an unnamed American man. Both of them were present at a café in Lahore's Anarkali bazar. At the café, Changez tries to start a conversation with an unnamed American man. When Changez recognized the stranger man that he is an American; he starts recounting his stay of four years in America. He tells all about the situation which he faced in America before and after 9/11 incident.

The researcher has analyzed Changez's personality from his lifestyle in America narrated by him to the unnamed American man.

Firstly the researcher has discussed the Id part in the personality of Changez, in the novel.

Id:

According to Freud, the id of the human psyche forms the inherent part of a one's personality. Every person is born with the Id. The inherent part of human beings finds expression through the activities of the Id. Similarly, the main aim of the Id is the preservation of the person which is carried out through the gratification of its inherent needs. Driven by impulses, the Id cares less for the protection of the person. Moreover, it does not take precaution for the survival of the person. In the haste for gratification, it may lead a person to clash with reality, the external world and even may become a reason of death. The entire energy of the mental life of an individual is stored in the id.

Firstly, Changez talked about the interview with Jim and he started telling about his one sided love affair in America. The Id components in his personality during his love affair with Erica in America are found in his every meet up with Erica. "I did leave behind a love.....Erica" (Hamid, 2007, pg. 12). Here, Changez is telling about his personal life to the American man. Erica is a Princetonian and he fell in a blind love with her. Although, she doesn't feel the same way for him however, she could find the glimpses of her ex-boyfriend in him.

There was a fragile love between them. Every moment of Changez with her indicates the Id in Changez's personality. "When I First saw Erica.....regal was she" (Hamid, 2007, pg. 19). For the first time, when he saw Erica, he couldn't prevent himself from offering to carry her backpack. With the first sight, he fell in a silent love with her. Also, he started becoming way too possessive in her case. "She and Mike.....difficult to sleep" (Hamid, 2007, pg. 21). The aforementioned lines elaborate the foolishness and unconscious state of mind when a person is in deep love of a stranger. This is explicitly expressed when Changez didn't sleep for many nights while thinking about her. After their first encounter, Changez couldn't sleep without thinking about Erica. Even, he didn't know about her clearly. Moreover, Erica was a self-isolated girl whose childhood boyfriend, had died from lung cancer but she is not able to forget him

anyway. She seemed a psychologically affected girl. "When I noticed Erica was untying.....her breasts to the sun".(Hamid, 2007, pg. 26). Erica was an isolated girl and she was in need of a good company. She got a good company in shape of Changez. Erica and Changez become friend. They used to meet each other once or twice in a month. One day, they went to a beach. Their Erica untied the straps of her bikini and barred her breasts to the sun. Changez was staring at her continuously. He felt ashamed and wanted to disappear when she noticed him. At that moment, he felt himself to be completely in another world; his inner lust was compelling him to stare at her body. In that meet up she told him about her love affair with Chris. She told him all about her boyfriend. However, he felt unannoyed even then. "I had stuck upbeen more pronounced".(Hamid, 2007, pg. 34).

Changez was content at that moment when he was realizing that he has developed acquaintance with a girl with whom he is well and truly smitten. He considered these moments as the new inception of his life. Their friendship becomes much stronger. Afterwards, he also met with her parents. He left a good impression of himself over them at her home. Day by day their friendship was becoming stronger. During their trip to Greece with some other Princetonians, she kissed him for the first time. She was considering him a best friend but Changez was considering that she is in love with him. Every time, he felt happy whenever he thought about his physical interaction with her; reminding feeling of her cool, smooth skin. In this entire situation, Id can be clearly seen. "I was desirous of embarking more than friendship" (Hamid, 2007, pg. 93). After the demise of Chris, Erica had become very isolated from the people. She found satisfaction in loneliness. She was in need of a good friend with whom she can share her inner state of deprivation. However, that good friend was desirous of embarking upon a relationship with her that amounted to more than friendship. Changez was thinking to give her a favor and wanted to replace Chris in her life. She was well attached with Changez but had never thought to replace Chris by Changez. In contrast, Changez was totally in pre-conscious state of mind and was only thinking about Erica as his lover."Greater part of my happiness..... watch her for hours" (Hamid, 2007, pg. 98). The quoted lines state that Changez Khan is in unconscious state of mind. All the time spent with Erica filled him with the killing desire. He was watching her for hours without any exaggerations. According to the researcher's analysis, he seems interested in her body parts. Every time he beautified her body parts in his thoughts. "I pulled her to mefound it difficult to enter her" (Hamid, 2007, pg.102). Afterwards, there happens to a night in which they were alone in the apartment, where they share same bed and without thinking Changez extended his hand to Erica and pulled her to himself. He did what he wanted to do with Erica. But she didn't arise. Despite, she felt uncomfortable. Her eyes were filled with tears. In those moments, she only thought about Chris. After Chris, she had never thought to be in physical relation with the any other person in her life. Every moment Chris was in her mind when she was with Changez in bed.

Changez was ashamed and he stopped himself by force. But the things which were not supposed to be done he had done all in the pre-conscious state of mind. In the lust of his physical relation with Erica made him pre-conscious and headless. He was totally in Id state of personality. "I said, pretend I am him....I watched her shut eyes and her shut eyes watched him"(Hamid, 2007, pg. 119). This was in Changez's knowledge that Erica couldn't forget about Chris but still Changez

was trying to fulfill his unconscious desires. They were in same bed and for fulfilling his lust; He told her to pretend that he is Chris. So they can make love with physical intimacy but Erica was not considering Changez as Chris. He watched her shut eyes and her shut eyes watched Chris. "I had acted selfishly" (Hamid, 2007, pg. 121). In this line Changez himself accepts his selfishness for fulfilling his lust. All the time he had spent with Erica, represents Freud's concept of Id in man's personality according to his psychoanalytical theory of Personality. All he did with Erica; from thinking about her to the love of physical intimacy were all against the Ego and Superego. When the Ego develops, the Id is harmed and regretted. The other Id components in Changez's personality were the desires behind his American dream. Changez was the most intelligent boy who in the age of eighteen years got the scholarship at Princeton College in America. He left Pakistan for achieving his dreams and an upper class lifestyle. Changez was a secular minded boy and an addict of whisky. He had achieved all that one couldn't achieve in the whole life. But still he was not fully satisfied from his life in America. Therefore, after four years, he decided to quit America and returned Pakistan. Here the Superego becomes dominant on the Id in his personality.

Superego:

According to Freud, the superego develops in the human psyche later than the id and ego. Actually the development of the Superego is just a further advancement of the Ego itself. Moreover, when asked, whether there is any lofty nature that comes out of man in the process of his growing up, Freud said, it is the Superego. In his view, the Superego is the higher nature of man in his psychological development.

Moreover, due to the Superego it makes a man capable to remain fit in the society one lives, by controlling their sense on what is right, bad, evil, guilt, virtue, etc. The superego can also be described as the embodiment of the internalized traditional values, lofty ideals of the society, and also religious teachings passed on by parents, school, culture and society. Due to its internalized moral values it works on the ideal principle and takes the judicial branch of the personality.

Changez spent four years in America. Changez achieved all that in the age of twenty two what an average man couldn't achieve in a whole age. But still he lacks satisfaction in his life. His Superego is harming the Id of his personality in the past experience, now he is regretting his past. After 9/11 incident, Changez was compelled to leave America forever. He changed his lifestyle. After 9/11 incidents, all Muslim were treated badly. Every Muslim was suspected as a terrorist. America started a war globally and started interaction in the internal affairs of Muslim countries. Due to these situations a global war was expected. "I had always resented.....in the world. (Hamid, 2007, pg. 177).

The way America conducted itself in the world and constant interference in the affairs of others was insufferable. Due to this behavior of America, his inner self was born. His inner self was demanding his identity from him that who he really is and why does he serve in America; an anti-Muslim country, an enemy country. "I was convinced that I had made a mistake" (Hamid, 2007, Pg. 180). Changez was regretting on his decision of settling in America. He was badly affected by his inner sadness. Ultimately, Changez decided to return his own country and left America for the entire life. In Pakistan, he got a job as a university lecturer and he made it his mission on

campus to advocate a disengagement from America. He started advocating the students and preparing their minds in the field of domestic affairs and international affairs. He organized debate sessions, seminars, political awareness, study circles and other social activities.

The reason behind this change in his personality was to aware his own people and to prepare the youth for the coming challenges from the anti-Muslim and super power countries. He was of the view that the efforts of our youth should be for their own country, Identity and for their own people.

CONCLUSION

The novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid is studied thoroughly for analyzing the personality of the character Changez from the perspective of Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytical theory. About this novel a lot of research articles are written from different perspectives but Changez's personality was seemed very accurate for analyzing from the perspective of Freud's Psychoanalytical theory. In the character, Changez, Id and superego parts of personality are present in his personality in the whole novel. This analysis showed that there are evident examples if Id and Superego from the main character Changez Khan. The nature of Changez's personality to rather complex with multiple components contributing to it. Changez's personality is seen in sections where Id and Superego can be seen clearly. The personality of Changez is completely changed after the 9/11 incident in America. Before 9/11 incident Changez was an secular minded boy. He was a man of his own desires. But after 9/11 incident Changez's mind was completely changed about the America and American people. The behavior that Changez attributes to Americans is a lack of respect for the elderly and people that work in lower-wage jobs, as well as younger Americans in general that often lack respect and therefore cannot adapt well in a business environment. After 9/11 incident Changez was often contrasting himself and others with Changez referring to differences within the moral domains between Americans and Pakistanis.

The personality of Changez is the complete representation of Psychoanalytical theory of Sigmund Freud. The behavior of Changez in the novel was changed psychologically from Id to the Superego. In the end of the novel, Changez adopted the personality which was acceptable and beneficial for his society, country, religion, nation and the people of his country.

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