



## **THE UNRECOGNISED AND UNACKNOWLEDGED EMPATH WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE AS AN EMPATH IN TODAY'S WORLD**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Shakespeare has been able to enter every age with his plays, poems and sonnets, he has been a great mystery from his days to today, not only him but also his friend Christopher Marlowe and Shakespeare is still a mystery because people find it hard for someone as Shakespeare to be a person who would bring a great change to the world especially because he was not allowed to continue Grammar School because he was considered weak in grammar, also his capability to think so much about the people around him and also about the people who are from other countries, it is no simple task to gather information and to learn from different scholars of different nations but Shakespeare learned with one of his greatest stronghold's that is 'Passion' and this helped him to be persistent to seek knowledge, he later did his research and also learnt a lot from Christopher Marlowe's plays which inspired him to write better plays, Shakespeare while writing his plays or poems always had fixed 'endings' and wrote plays according to his endings. Shakespeare from all his works can be considered an empath in today's world for the term empath was not given much preference in those days. Shakespeare's quotes have been used by most people in the world and it teaches us not only about his experience in life but also the underlining meaning of empathy.*

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

##### **All The World's A Stage**

Shakespeare's famous quote "All the world's a stage" made people quote it in most occasions and it also made people understand how the world works, Shakespeare though he loved people and wanted to make a difference but he always considered the situation and scenario of writing and staging his plays and made sure it never affected the general public and especially the "Queen"

**It is not in the Stars to hold our Destiny, but in Ourselves**



This quote from Shakespeare proves how he views the world and the potential of every human being.

### **The Earth has music for those who listen**

This quote of Shakespeare shows how close he is to nature and the natural law of the world, it also portrays how focused a person must be in order to understand the peace within nature.

### **The Object of Art is to give Life a Change**

This quote of Shakespeare portrays the power of knowledge which helps change life and shows us how the art we choose shapes our world.

### **Give everyman thy ear, but few thy voice**

This powerful quote of Shakespeare is also famous and has great depth, it tells us to listen to the point of view of other men but to think twice before we speak for someone because what we speak and whom we speak for is how the society identifies us.

Shakespeare has read many books on Ancient Greece and their findings, he has also read about Romania and many other Latin texts but his plays don't depend on the knowledge of Latin and Greek but is new and solely depends on his time period and situations, his focus on human nature rather than nature makes him a progenitor and his choice of diction in each play is different and the words play a major role in the situation of the characters and later the most effective part is the transformation of a character, (e.g.) (i) It is of how Macbeth feels when he looks at the eye of Duncan when stabbed (ii) It is also of how King Lear when flashed of his failures as a King (a transcendence of empathy is flashed), (iii) The Tempest which is the last play of Shakespeare portrays great empathy, the empathy of 'Prospero' and his transformation is what made the play a tragicomedy, Shakespeare's characters whether Pagan, Christian, Man or Woman have empathy, Shakespeare's plays made readers to have empathy on the characters where sympathy acted as its substitute, (e.g.) Othello and The Merchant of Venice demonstrated enormous amount of sympathy for the audience, Shakespeare apart from his works was an open minded person and accepted all forms of culture and knowledge, he is very adaptive by nature and his amenable mind is one of his main source of success and the way he seeks for greatness and oneness in all parts of life, from the rustics to the royals, from ancients to his period and from his period to the future period makes him an exemplary visionary, there is a great deal of change from the 16<sup>th</sup> C to the 21<sup>st</sup> C today and as words evolve, theories evolve so does human beings evolve and a person's knowledge and perspective changes, the term "Empath" is famous in the 21<sup>st</sup> C and used by great men of the past and Shakespeare is an unrecognised and unacknowledged Empath who's core was filled with empathy and empathy is very much necessary in today's



world and when a person reads Shakespeare's poem and plays with the term 'empathy' in mind they would understand not only of tragedy and comedy but the way of life.

Shakespeare contributed much more than any average scholar in England, his thought process is something to be acknowledged and Shakespeare through his plays, sonnets and poems contributed the 'effects and the aftereffects' of living and taught us what it means to live in this world; Shakespeare contributed over 20,000 new English words, he has written and staged ample number of plays, he loves the world, the people, different cultures and politics and especially the flow of life, Shakespeare could do all this inspite of education because he was an 'Unrecognised Empath' and he also had the gift of 'Clair Cognisance' which gave him the ability to have 'clear knowing' (which is to receive information without knowing how he received) and is similar to William Wordsworth's "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings"; Shakespeare used his mind to his fullest and also lived a great life inspite of his tight schedules that is why even today Shakespeare is considered to be 'The greatest writer in English Literature of all times'.

William Shakespeare who is of the 16<sup>th</sup> C contributed so much to the world and his open mind of language, culture, religion and knowledge made him a great writer and in today's world there are many people awakening from their slumber living in the 'Codex', the way of living is changing slowly, Shakespeare was an awakened soul of his time and today most people accept change and this change in time changes the way of the world, Shakespeare taught us that for a good change a great amount of passion is necessary and it is true passion that that helps us mould the world, Shakespeare as an Empath understood how people feel and was able to control those feelings to his plays and poems, Shakespeare is also known as the 'earliest psychologist' to understand and to portray human nature in his plays and poems which is remarkable and that it is found and used even before the study of psychology and its founder 'Sigmund Freud' who is known as the Father of Psychology today, Shakespeare knew people better as an Empath and his gift of 'Clair Cognisance' helped him create greater impacts and most of all he followed his intuition more than any other profound knowledge, Shakespeare in his plays of Tragedy portrayed many deaths but also portrayed death in a positive way, he changed the scenario which we see in the beginning of the play to the end by the change of atmosphere and the temperament of words, he could change everything because he was intuitively very sure of how we would expect an ending and how we would think an ending would be, Shakespeare surprisingly gives us an ending which would be the opposite of what we think which proves how great Shakespeare who is of the 16<sup>th</sup> C influences us the people of the 21<sup>st</sup> C with words that make him a great Psychologist, a Writer, a Poet, a Playwright and none the less an Empath.



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