

D.H. Lawrence a : prophet of individual regeneration?

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Abstrak

Reading the novels of D.H. Lawrence for the first time in his life is for the student of English Literature usually a be_wildering experience. At least, with me it certainly was the case. In the beginning I was really puzzled when reading these novels; and I hardly could disentangle the knot of problems in them which struck me as being subtle and complex, and even often seemingly contradictory. At the same time this initial confusion and bewilderment was a challenge for me to try to understand this unusual and interest_ing writer. Gradually I became aware that one of Lawrence's main preoccupations in his novels was the pursuit of happiness through personal relationships. Also I became aware that Lawrence assumed to teach mankind new ways in the realm of human experience through personal relationships. In this I was rather astonished to find Mr. Mark Spilka's judgement in his book *The Love Ethic of D.H. Lawrence*, that As The Prophet of individual regeneration, Lawrence had achieved a good measure of success; his vision of love, friendship, and life-responsibility had broadened and deepened, through the major novels, and had reached its fullest scope with *Lady Chatterley's Lover*_