

**THE ESSENCE OF LIFE IN THE ROLE OF PROTAGONIST IN  
“ALCHEMIST” BY PAULO COELHO**

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***Annotation.** The research focuses on the essence of humanity, its meaning, people's dreams, a journey on the way of Destiny created by God, and the outcomes and shortcomings of this journey by analyzing the life of protagonist in “Alchemist”. The main idea of this book is to present experiences of Santiago (the main character) who doesn't afraid of doing something to achieve his dreams. The book says a person who started in a long journey (speaking in allegorical meaning) might search worldly wealth not comprehending that all worldly wealth is within him. Shortly, Alchemist explains not only the life of someone in the past, or the life of the protagonist of the legend - Santiago, but also it speaks the path that you are going to walk. The aim of the novel is to show the guideline for us and for those who come after us.*

***Key words:** Alchemist, your destiny, the power of dream, obstacles, commandment of God.*

**Introduction**

"Alchemist" is an invaluable representative of fantastic literature. When the novel "Alchemist" was being written, the author could not understand why people exist, why some people are lucky and why others are unfortunate. He started to write to uncover the secrets of existence and realize the unknown. The main idea of the work is that you must listen to God's plan that is given by the sky, and not give up for anything till achieve this. One of the biggest, important duty of humanity in this

world is to be content with their destiny. All people during the whole life dream, wish and aim, they have imagined future. But over the time, a mysterious force begins to convince us that it's impossible to make our destiny a reality. This is seems to be the enemy of the human race. Actually, this isn't the case. There is a supreme truth in this world: When you sincerely want something, you will achieve it, because such a desire is born in the Spirit of the Universe. This is why you were born on earth. It is a divinely ordained command, a lifelong commitment that each of us must make. It is the Supreme. Commandment given to us by God, which we must fulfill throughout our life, or the "Way of Our Destiny" that each of us will walk.

### **Materials and methodology**

Coelho wrote *The Alchemist* in 1987 in just two week. Initially, little attention was paid to the novel "Alchemist". In the 1990s, the French translation suddenly hit the French bestseller list, and the book became widespread and popular. "Alchemist" is included in the Guinness Book of Records.

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"The Alchemist" by SYED ABTHAHEER, Dr. M.ARUNACHALAM describes the writer and his work like that Coelho, he guides his every readers to live the meaningful life. He is a person who has written various books and all of his writing is full of optimistic views. His main characters are always faces many obstacles in their lives but they never give up and never lose hope. At the end of their journey they flourished in their aims. In this novel, *The Alchemist* he conveyed a very inspiring message of journey to the quest and self-actualization through the character of Santiago.

"People always spoil what they like best," said Oscar Wilde, and actually he was right on the one hand. This is actually the case. A person dreams from birth and all his life strives to fulfill his dreams. While he realizes that his efforts over the years have paid off, that his dreams are starting to come true, other emotions overwhelm him. This is the feeling of "guilt."

When the novel "Alchemist" was being written, the author tried to understand the meaning of existence, to comprehend the unknown. The main idea of the work

is that you need to follow your Destiny and not give up for anything. There is a supreme truth in this world: When you sincerely want something, you will achieve it, because such a desire is born in the Spirit of the Universe. That is why people were born on earth.

### **Result**

To come out this research, the collection of the data and evidence has been utilized and uncovered the real aim of Coelho. In the beginning, it is a little difficult to analyze what the author meant by. Because it is kind of fiction that the protagonist meets with different characters who are imaginary and have allegorical meaning. Discovering the role of each new character helps to realize the effective power of God's plan resulting in understanding why this book achieved popularity in such level.

### **Discussion**

When a person looks around, he sees that many people around him have not fulfilled their dreams, and he is overcome by different thoughts. He thinks, "I don't deserve such a victory, such a success."

However, he forgets that he did not achieve it easily, that he worked hard to fulfill his dreams, and that he suffered on the way to victory. In my life, I have seen so many people who have followed the path of their Destiny and have suffered so much. As a result, his dream, which was quite close to being realized, remained a dream. We have been dreaming since our youth, imagining what our future, destiny will be. But over the time, our dreams seem unimaginable.

There are four obstacles to this. The first is that when we strive for the things we really want to achieve in life as children, they say, "No, these things can't be achieved". Then the thought comes to us, "No matter how hard we try, we can't achieve that what we want" and we grow up with that thoughts. Thus, over the years, our hearts are filled with doubts and fears, and our hopes for the future, our self-confidence and our guilt grow stronger. It's the fear from failure. A person who struggles for his dreams works harder than others. As time goes on, and his movements become useless. The main character was the Spanish shepherd that is

Santiago, who lived in Andalusia. One night he had a dream in which he found mountains of treasures near the pyramids in Egypt. A woman, in exchange for a share of future treasures, interprets his dream. Then he meets old man Melchisedek, who helps doubting people with his parables. He gives to the Santiago two extraordinary stones which one can understand the will of the Lord. In exchange, he takes a share of the herding flock. Having made up his mind, Santiago sells his sheep and goes to Egypt. There shepherd boy loses money and in order to somehow live, gets a job as a seller of crystal. He learns from an Englishman about a certain Alchemist, whom he soon will meet.

Alchemist gives him knowledge about the "Soul of the world", he directs him along the path of his Destiny. After that, the Santiago meets the beautiful Fatima, and finds treasures not in Egypt, but in his homeland.

### **Conclusion**

After all, the enemy of dreams, happiness and achievements can be defeated as long as people can find strong power, confidence inside themselves. Coelho achieved his expedient by writing this book that when person understand that he deserves his victory in an unparalleled struggle, he enters into the grace of the Creator, and the true nature of his existence on Earth is revealed.

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